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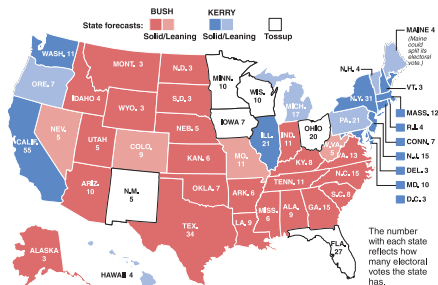
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Volunteer election official Jack Harris directs an early voter Friday to an open polling station at the Alachua County administration building in Florida. To deal with expected increases in voter turnout, polling places throughout the state are open early.

# Race for president is down to the wire

Bush, Kerry campaigns focus on needed battleground states

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The Washington Post

Six states with a total of 79 electoral votes are considered tossups and could determine the winner of the presidential election. Of the remaining states, six appear to be leaning toward Sen. John Kerry and four appear to be leaning toward President Bush.



Lane Quevedo, a supporter of President Bush's campaign, confronts Democratic supporters Saturday after a campaign rally with Vice President Dick Cheney in Nazareth, Pa.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Turkey bombing:** A Turkish court on Sunday charged an alleged Islamic militant with last week's bomb attack on a McDonald's restaurant in a northeastern city on the Black Sea, which left six people injured, a news agency reported.

Police arrested Yasin Hayal, 24, in Istanbul and brought him to the northeastern city of Trabzon where they claim he set off an explosion at the entrance of the McDonald's restaurant last Sunday.

The Anatolia news agency reported that Hayal told police he carried out the bombing "to punish the United States and its collaborators."

**Liberia disarmament:** Armed U.N. troops manned checkpoints and arrested dozens of men Sunday in an at-times bloody conclusion to a nationwide disarmament program in Liberia, days after a burst of violence in the war-battered West African nation.

In one neighborhood in Monrovia, about 80 men and boys — their ragged clothes bloodstained and wounds bleeding from what they said was the violence of their arrests — lay on the ground surrounded by U.N. Ghanaian and Nigerian peacekeepers after one of several U.N. raids.

**EU constitution:** Pope John Paul II on Sunday hailed the signing of the European Union's proposed constitution as a "highly significant moment" in European integration, and insisted Christian values will be fundamental for Europe's future.

The Vatican had called for a mention of Europe's Judeo-Christian heritage in the preamble of the bloc's first constitution, but the appeal was rejected and no direct reference was included in the final text. The constitution was signed Friday during a solemn ceremony on the Capitoline Hill in Rome.

**Anti-Semite vandals:** Vandals scrawled swastikas and "SS" initials on 88 Jewish tombs in eastern France, an anti-Semitic attack that President Jacques Chirac on Saturday called "intolerable."

The inscriptions were discovered Saturday in the Jewish cemetery in Brumath, 10 miles north of Strasbourg near the French-German border, authorities said.

Chirac condemned "this intolerable act with the greatest firmness," his office said in a statement.

**U.N. nuclear watchdog:** The United Nations nuclear watchdog will send a group of inspectors to South Korea this week to investigate Seoul's secret nuclear experiments, a South Korean official said Sunday.

Choo Chung-won, director-general at South Korea's Ministry of Science and Technology, said a five-member inspection team from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency will begin a six-day visit on Tuesday.

## States

**Cardinal's funeral:** The poor and the powerful came together Saturday for the funeral of Cardinal James A. Hickey, a champion of the poor who served 20 years as the archbishop of Washington.

Latin hymns echoed through the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as religious and political leaders joined with ordinary people in observing the



**Sudan Crisis:** Rwandan soldiers are greeted by Nigerian peacekeeping soldiers, right, as they disembark from a U.S. Air Force C-130 cargo plane at the El Fasher airport on Saturday in Darfur as part of the African Union peacekeeping mission to Sudan. Dozens of armed Rwandan troops arrived in Sudan's troubled Darfur region Saturday to beef up a tiny African force seeking to stabilize the area. On Sunday, about 100 new troops joined those that arrived the day before to strengthen the protection force, which is protecting military observers of a shaky April 4 cease-fire agreement.

funeral Mass for Hickey. He died last Sunday at age 84.

**Wrestling death case:** A teen freed from prison this year after his life sentence for killing a young playmate was overturned received an extended probation period Friday after violating his curfew, and was freed once more.

Lionel Tate, now 17, was warned he would return to prison if he again violates his probation in the 1999 beating death of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick.

In early September, deputies caught Tate blocks from his home, 2 a.m. and found he was carrying a pocketknife, both violations of his probation terms.

**Carnival ride accident:** A carnival ride accident that threw a man to his death last month was caused by a chain reaction that started when the safety bar holding the man and his companion in place failed, causing their weight to shift and snapping two bolts.

The state Department of Public Safety released its final report on Friday about the accident that threw Andrew R. Fohlin, 38, to his death and injured two others at a fair at St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury.

The report also said Joy Amusements Inc., the company that owned and operated the ride, didn't keep maintenance records which could have pointed to problems with the two bolts, and didn't perform required maintenance — a claim which a company spokesman denied.

## Business

**US Airways strike:** The union representing 6,000 US Airways reservation agents is asking members to authorize a strike if a bankruptcy judge voids the airline's contracts with its unions.

Chris Fox, president of Local 13302 of the Communications Workers of America, insist-

ed that workers have no immediate strike plans and don't want to hurt the company. Employees have until Nov. 10 to return the strike ballots.

US Airways officials said that a strike is illegal under federal law — and that it could cost the airline valuable revenue during the travel holiday season.

## War on terrorism

**Guantanamo tribunals:** Two men accused by the United States of being members of al-Qaida — including one who allegedly attended a camp with Osama bin Laden — declined to appear before a U.S. military review panel at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said Saturday.

A 30-year-old detainee was accused of being an instructor at the al-Farooq terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, said Lt. Cmdr. Daryl Borquist, spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals.

Another man accused of belonging to al-Qaida was allegedly at the al-Farooq camp when bin Laden reportedly was there between July 2001 and September of 2001, Borquist said.

**Blair's wife talks Gitmo:** British Prime Minister Tony Blair's wife implicitly criticized President Bush in a talk at Harvard University, saying she supported a U.S. Supreme Court decision that dealt a blow to his policy on Guantanamo Bay detainees, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The prime minister, a close ally of Bush, has remained staunchly loyal to the presidential race, and his wife, Cherie Booth, has generally avoided commenting on American politics.

But in a closed-door speech to about 100 people at Harvard, Booth praised a Supreme Court decision in a case brought by two Britons freed from Guantanamo, according to London's The Mail on Sunday.

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# 1st ID spouses not surprised by longer tour

About 3,000 GIs will stay in Iraq to provide security for elections

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — Some 1st Infantry Division family members in Bamberg's Warner Barracks had mixed reactions Sunday over news that their soldiers may have to remain in Iraq through the Iraq elections.

A news story on the Department of Defense Web site said that about 3,000 1st ID soldiers would remain in Iraq to provide security during the country's elections in January.

About 3,500 soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas, also would remain, according to the Web site.

The 1st ID deployed to Iraq in February. The change will bring the deployment, which soldiers and families expected to be 10 months, to a full year, according to the DOD Web site.

Some spouses had not heard the news until they talked to Stars and Stripes about it, while others found out Saturday or Sunday through phone calls from their husbands.

None of the spouses Stars and Stripes talked to had been officially notified by the Army or the unit's Family Readiness Group of the change.

"It's just what we've got to do," said Anna Dietrich, whose husband is attached to the 82nd Engineer Battalion in Iraq.

"It's not that big of a surprise, really."

Dietrich said she had heard earlier this year from her husband, Staff Sgt. Larry Dietrich, that the unit was expected to come home after only 10 months deployment.

"He told me not to get my hopes up then," Dietrich said. "The (news) is a disappointment, but we know that it is what

he has got to do."

Other spouses, like Rosetta DiMeglio, said even the 10-month deployment that 1st ID soldiers and families were counting on was too long.

"I just don't think it's right to extend them," said DiMeglio, whose husband, Master Sgt. Vincent DiMeglio of 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, called her Sunday to break the news. "A year is too long. I've always thought this should be a six-month deployment. It's a long time to be separate."

Emily Daigle, whose husband is with the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment, called the news "unfair."

"You know when things like this happen, it's not only the soldiers who lose morale. Kids lose morale, too," she said.

Other spouses said that the extension earlier this year of the 1st Armored Division led them to believe the same would happen to the 1st ID.

"I had a hunch; I could feel it in my heart that something like this would happen," said Chris Watts. Her husband, Sgt. Thomas Watts is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment in Iraq.

"1st AD got extended, so I was sort of expecting this," Watts said.

Samantha Holley had an early warning of a possible extension while her husband, Spc. Kenneth Holley, of the 82nd Engineer Battalion, was home on leave two weeks ago.

"He told me that there was talk of this happening," Holley said. "I was expecting it. The unit told us in a meeting before the soldiers left not to be surprised if their return date changes."

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Norbert Alexiou did an extensive search through hundreds of bound volumes of Stars and Stripes newspapers hoping to find some information to help him locate his American father, Theodore R. Moore, who was stationed with the military in Darmstadt, Germany, after World War II.

## After eight years, German son finds American father

BY JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany — After years of silence, followed by years of searching, a German son and American father met for the first time, sparking the drive to get other German children of American soldiers reunited with their past.

The GI Kinder Charity program, started by Norbert Alexiou, who is using his own life as inspiration, hopes to help separated families come together.

At 16, Alexiou learned a shocking secret from his mother. She was on her deathbed, ill from cancer, when she revealed to her son that the man he thought was his father really was not.

His biological father was an American soldier stationed at Cambrai-Fritsch Casern in Darmstadt after World War II.

The mother, Hedwig Alexiou, said she had a secret relationship with a soldier named Teddy, though both were married. She never told anyone of the extramarital affair because she wanted to protect her family. Plus, at the time in Germany any relationship with soldiers was frowned upon. However, she did not want to die with the secret, recounted Alexiou's wife, Gabriella, during an interview at the Stars and Stripes office. The whole family recently reunited there for the first time in 43 years for a documentary being made.

Though Alexiou immediately wanted to know more about this secret life of his, his mother asked her son to help her keep the secret. So, Alexiou kept his lips sealed.

However, his mother eventually became better, and at 30 years of age Alexiou could no longer deal with not knowing his father or his American heritage. He asked his mother if he could finally open up the can of worms she had sealed so tightly.

Though it was difficult for her, she consented. It took eight long years of searching, travel and frustration, but Alexiou finally did find his father, Theodore R. Moore, in Texas. Plus, he said he learned a lot along the way.

Alexiou found out he was not alone. More than 100,000 children are estimated to have resulted from postwar-era relationships in Germany.

Most of these children were raised without their American fathers, who left Germany just after a few years. Because of enormous family and societal pressures, the children's heritage was often kept from them for years, if not forever. Many mothers, like Hedwig, couldn't stand the pressure and either kept their secrets or gave their children up for adoption or to institutions.

Alexiou said most of these "GI kids" still don't know their American fathers, which is why he started a program to help get people to come forward.

Alexiou, who started the search for his father at the Stars and Stripes newspaper archives room and ended it with a hired detective in the States, said eight years of coming up empty-handed taught him the ropes of looking for the impossible. Now, he's prepared to help other GI kids find their biological fathers.

"It's really amazing. Now we're running through open doors where before there were only closed doors," explained Gabriella Alexiou of the process of searching and finding her new father-in-law.

Though Alexiou has known his father for five years now, mother and father were just recently reunited for the first time in 43 years.

"I was very nervous before he came. The process was emotional, but I'm free now," said the mother. "It feels much better to find him again for my son."

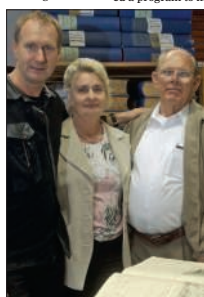
Everyone agreed that now they wouldn't have it any other way, because with both families married with their own children, it just makes the family bigger and better.

"I picked him up and took him home. Everyone received him with open arms," said Moore of when he first met his son and brought him to his Bryan, Texas, home. "Plus, I didn't just get a son, I got a new daughter, too."

Now, Alexiou has become an American citizen through his father and hopes to help other German children of soldiers discover their American heritage.

For more GI Kinder project information, go to [www.gi-kinder.org](http://www.gi-kinder.org).

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Norbert Alexiou, mother Hedwig Alexiou and father Theodore R. Moore were reunited after 43 years. Norbert Alexiou created the GI Kinder Charity, which hopes to reunite separated families.

# Marine indulges taste bud with fine spirits

## Officer aspires to become a Scotch whisky connoisseur

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

**T**he Highland Park 18-year-old has earned the highest rating from one expert, the book said.

So Lt. Aaron Potter, connoisseur of single malt Scotch whisky, had to test it for himself. He poured a little into a glass, added a few drops of water, raised the glass to his nose and sniffed deeply.

At \$90 per bottle, it was a big moment. Potter took a sip and let the liquid wash over his tongue and gums before it slid down his throat like drops of silk. He weighed the different sensations from nose to finish and furrowed his brow.

"Maybe ... lemon," said the Marine, finally. "That's the weirdest finish. It sort of hits in a different place."

Potter — who assumes his new rank Monday — is not a rumpled barfly or highbrowed socialite. He's just a guy who took his first sip of single malt Scotch whisky a little more than a year ago and was captivated by the distinctiveness of its smell and taste.

"It was weird," Potter said of his first taste. "I always thought Scotch was for old guys and drunks. But I thought, 'That's good. What kind is that?'"

"I was curious enough, so I started to research single malts and why they were better than anything else. The more I read, the more fascinated I was."

Exploring the virtues of single malts — the nose, the taste, the "balance" between nose and taste and the aftertaste or "finish" — is now Potter's hobby.



**Lt. Col. Aaron Potter**  
Potter has made tasting single malt whiskeys his hobby, and is working on becoming an expert.  
**Job:** Planner with U.S. European Command Plans and Policy Directorate  
**Unit:** U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe, Stuttgart, Germany  
**Age:** 44  
**Family:** Wife, April, 13-year-old daughter, Njeri  
**Hometown:** Boston

Stars and Stripes

He has quite a collection of bottles. Some are aged for 10 years, some for 12 years, some for longer. They cost between \$30 and \$100 per bottle, but older doesn't necessarily mean better, Potter said. Neither does the price.

After his first sip and 10 minutes or so of reflective thought, the jury was still out on the 18-year-old Highland Park.

"I'm going to have to spend a little more time with this one," he said.

Single malts are Scotch whiskeys made at one distillery that uses its own barley. Single malts vary in taste and character from year to year much like wine, as opposed to blended Scotch whiskeys, such as Dewar's White Label, which are blended from various spirits to achieve the same taste every time.

"[Single malts] all have their own little fingerprint," Potter said. "You just can't get that with a blend."

When Potter has friends over for a tasting, he will put out five or six bottles along with tasting glasses that are narrow at the top to funnel the aroma up the nose.

At a recent tasting, he put out a 10-year-old Balvenie (it has a "big licorice finish"), a 10-year-old Ardbeg ("very smoky"), a 12-year-old Dalmore ("almost like grapefruit") and Glenfiddich, an 18-year-old Ancient Reserve.

"It just fits," he said of the Glenfiddich. "It's not going to knock you down. It's just a nice experience."

Potter doesn't get drunk. An entire tasting lasts an hour or so and includes five or six different whiskeys. But the total amount consumed is perhaps just one ounce, or the equivalent of one small drink.

For him, the enjoyment comes from grading the virtues of the fine spirit as it dances on his palate, and from learning about the science and craftsmanship it takes to make such an elixir.

"To me, the enjoyment is the discovery of it," Potter said.

One of Potter's recent dinner guests, Lloyd Miller, an "old retired jar head" who prefers beer, said he got a kick out of Potter's Scotch-tasting hospitality.

"You could appreciate the different tastes of it like you appreciated the company of the people," Miller said. "It added flavor to the evening."

Potter's wife, April, said her parents, brother and sister have all been initiated during visits to Germany. Her husband, she said, doesn't become a hobby.

"He becomes an expert," she



CHARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

**Marine Lt. Col. Aaron Potter likes to treat his neighbors to tastings of expensive single malt Scotch whisky, a hobby he began in 2003.**

**"It's a blast, it really is," Potter said.**

"It's enjoyable for me; not only is he enjoying it himself, but it's fun watching him share it with others."

At a recent tasting, another guest was initiated.

He took a big whiff and the aroma was absorbed deep into his sinuses.

He took a sip and his taste buds

sprung to life, all corners of his mouth went on high alert. The beverage trickled down the guest's throat and disappeared, leaving behind an aftertaste he tried to define.

As the guest smiled, Aaron Potter smiled back. Another enlightened soul.

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# Army deserter may go free, if precedent is any guide

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

**ZAMA, Japan** — Desertion is a crime like few others. Along with mutiny, it hits at the heart of military service, violating a fundamental code of honor. But as the U.S. Army prepares to court-martial Sgt. Charles Robert Jenkins in one of its highest-profile desertion cases since Pvt. Eddie Slovik was executed in World War II, a little-known fact is coming to light.

Serious though it may sound, desertion, especially in peacetime, rarely results in anything more than a dishonorable discharge.

Of the thousands of soldiers who bolt their units each year, only a small percentage are tried, let alone sent to prison.

Jenkins, back in uniform nearly 40 years after allegedly defecting to communist North Korea, is accused not only of desertion but of aiding the enemy and urging others to join him. Yet a jury verdict won't necessarily mean a prison cell.

The maximum penalty for peacetime desertion is life in prison, while wartime desertion can be punished by death. But that

hasn't happened since Slovik was executed in January 1945 by a firing squad from his own unit in northwest France. Slovik was one of 70 servicemen executed during the war, but the only one shot for desertion — the others were executed for murder or rape.

Jenkins' case presents a bit of a legal quandary. The Korean War ended in a truce, but not a formal peace, in 1953, 12 years before Jenkins allegedly left his patrol on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone. Army officials say it's up to the judge, Col. Denise Yowell, to decide whether death or life imprisonment applies.

There are indications Jenkins, whose court-martial begins here Wednesday, has worked out a pretrial agreement, most likely for no confinement in exchange for a guilty plea to at least one of the charges against him. He faces charges of desertion, plus two counts of soliciting

other servicemen to desert, one of aiding the enemy and two of encouraging desertion.

But Jenkins has given no interviews since turning himself in, and has never publicly admitted guilt or explained how, or why, he ended up in North Korea to begin with.

"I think there's room for lots of surprises ahead ... I wouldn't make any assumptions."

**Annette Eddie-Callaglin**  
lawyer

He thought he was unusual. Lt. Col. John Ambeg, spokesman for the U.S. Army in Japan, said 1,631 soldiers were put on desertion status Armywide from October through June this year. He did not know how many had been arrested,

or what the average punishment was.

But a report compiled by the Army Research Institute in 2002 said an "overwhelming majority" of deserters are released with less-than-honorable discharges and never go through the full court-martial process. Of more than 12,000 soldiers who deserted between 1997 and 2001, it said, 94 percent were cashiered in this manner.

Length of time away isn't always decisive in sentencing.

In January, the Air Force gave a bad-conduct discharge to a 43-year-old sergeant major who disappeared from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in 1981, according to an Air Force Office of Special Investigations public affairs report. Though on the lam for 22 years — and though the punishment was meted out while U.S. soldiers were fighting and dying in Iraq — he was not sent to prison.

But in another high-profile case, National Guard Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia, who said he left his unit in Iraq to protest an oil-driven war, received one year in prison and a bad-conduct discharge in May for not returning to his Florida unit after a two-week furlough.

*"I think there's room for lots of surprises ahead ... I wouldn't make any assumptions."*



# U.S. forces prepare for Fallujah assault

## Iraq's prime minister vows that elections will remain on schedule

BY SAMEER N. YACUB  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister said Sunday that efforts to peacefully resolve the conflict in Fallujah have entered their final phase and warned that "our patience is running thin," vowing to clear the city of militants who have carried out some of the bloodiest attacks in Iraq.

Ayad Allawi's strong comments signaled that the start may be near for a major assault on Fallujah that U.S. forces have been preparing. Allawi warned there would likely be civilian casualties if an offensive takes place.

A brigade of fresh U.S. troops arriving in Baghdad will push the total U.S. troop presence in the Iraqi capital to around 40,000 by Monday, as planners prepare for the coming assault on insurgent hotspots to the west and the Iraqi elections in January.

U.S. commanders say Allawi will give the final order to launch the assault, which would aim to restore control to Sunni Muslim towns north and west of the capital ahead of Jan 31 elections.

As night fell in the Iraqi capital, the rumble of powerful explosions could be heard coming from the edge of the city. The cause of the explosions could not be determined.

Speaking to reporters in Baghdad, Allawi vowed that the elections, a key step in plans to move Iraq toward democracy "will take place on schedule." The country's deteriorating security situation has led to doubts that nationwide voting can take place in Jan.

Allawi said there was no deadline for talks with Fallujah leaders aimed at finding a peaceful resolution. But he said if no deal is reached, "I have no choice but to secure a military solution."

"But I owe, owe it to the Iraqi people to defend them from the violence and the terrorists and insurgents."

"The terrorists and insurgents continue to use Fallujah and the Fallujah people as a shield for their murderous acts," Allawi said. "Some of the most incredible crimes have been committed in Fallujah and out of Fallujah by these terrorists."

Fallujah, west of Baghdad, is considered the strongest bastion of Sunni insurgents who have carried out a spiraling campaign of bombings, ambushes and kidnappings. Allawi's warning came after a particularly bloody day even by the standards of this conflict-ravaged country.

In all, at least 30 people died Saturday in politically motivated violence across Iraq — stark evidence of a security situation threatening to spiral out of control.

Among them were eight Marines killed by a car bomb near Fallujah.

Also, early Sunday, the Japanese government confirmed that the decapitated body of a young Asian male was that of Japanese hostage Shosuke Kato, 24, said Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura.

Allawi said he had met with tribal leaders from the area Saturday and told them "the window for such peaceful settlement is closing."

Allawi also said authorities have arrested 167 Arab foreign fighters, who are in Iraq's custody.

In preparation for an offensive, hundreds of British troops have moved into an area south of Baghdad to free up American forces for operations west of Baghdad. British press reports said four mortar shells landed early Sunday at a British camp south of Fallujah. Two rockets also exploded at the perimeter of the airport in the southern city of Basra where the British contingent has its headquarters.



**A U.S. Marine gestures during a patrol outside Fallujah, Iraq, Sunday. American forces are preparing for a major assault on Fallujah in an effort to restore control to a swathe of Sunni Muslim towns north and west of the capital ahead of crucial national elections due by Jan. 31.**

There were no casualties or serious damage in either attack, British media reports said.

U.S. commanders have estimated that up to 5,000 Islamic militants, Saddam Hussein loyalists and common criminals are holed up in the insurgent bastion.

U.S. Marines carried out a three-week siege of Fallujah in April, but when hundreds of people were killed, the military was forced to back down. Insurgents have since tightened their grip on the city, and several other cities in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad have fallen under their sway.

For the second straight day, clashes erupted Sunday between U.S. forces and insurgents in the town of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, leaving seven people

dead, according to hospital officials. On Saturday, U.S. forces pounded insurgent positions on the outskirts of Fallujah in some of the heaviest skirmishes in weeks.

Marines and guerrillas traded mortar and artillery fire, and U.S. jets bombed positions inside the city.

Later Sunday, an explosion hit a hotel in the northern Iraqi city of Tikrit killed 15 people, police and hospital officials said.

Dr. Hassan al-Juburi, director of the Tikrit Teaching Hospital, said the blast happened at 8:00 p.m. at the Sunbar Hotel, he said. Eight officers were seriously wounded in the explosion, including two policemen. All the victims were Iraqi, he said.

Al-Juburi said he did not know what had caused the blast.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,120 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 848 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Friday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is thirteen higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has reported 68 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 982 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 739 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ Eight Marines were killed in action Saturday in Anbar province. The Marines later returned to their bases, but offered no further details.

The latest identification reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael B. Bates Sr., 38, San Antonio, Texas, killed Thursday in Baghdad when an explosive detonated near his checkpoint; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 21st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

# New group claims responsibility for deadly car bombing

BY MAAMOUN YOUSSEF  
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A previously unheard of militant group claimed responsibility Sunday for the car bombing a day earlier outside the Baghdad offices of Al-Arabiya TV that killed seven people, including five of the station's Iraqi employees.

The Jihad Martyr's Companies in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on an Islamic Web site known for carrying announcements by militant groups.

The statement accused the Saudi-owned, Dubai-based television network of "siding with America, the oppressor which kills Muslims and Arabs, occupies their lands and plunders their wealth."

It was impossible to verify the claim's authenticity, which followed Saturday's release of another Internet statement attributed to a militant group calling itself the "1920 Brigades" claiming responsibility for the attack. That statement was also unable to be authenticated. Al-Arabiya on Sunday aired a video statement showing four masked gunmen belonging to the similarly named "1920 Revolution Brigades" denying involvement in the attack.



**A security guard walks through the rubble Sunday where Saturday's car bomb exploded outside the office of the Al-Arabiya television network in Baghdad. Seven people were killed and 19 injured, police and hospital officials said.**

The 1920 Revolution refers to the uprising against British military occupation, which historians consider the birth of Iraqi nationalism.

The new claim said insurgents targeted Al-Arabiya because it "portrayed the Americans as liberators" of Iraq and described Muslims controlling the station as "apostates and atheists because of their collaboration with the American infidels."

The statement also threatened other news outlets, saying "we will punish those who work with these news agencies and channels other than the other or we will kidnap them and slaughter them like sheep if they side with the infidel American occupiers ... or they call the mujahideen 'terrorists' as Al-Arabiya and others do."

Al-Arabiya chief executive Abdulrahman al-Rashed, an outspoken critic of Islamic militants and terror attacks, said Sunday that five of the seven people killed in the bombing were Iraqi employees of the station, including two women who performed domestic tasks at the devastated offices.

A man employed in a similar role, plus a male computer engineer and a security guard also died in the blast, al-Rashed said.

Al-Rashed said three Al-Arabiya journalists seriously injured in the attack were expected to be flown to Jordan on Monday for medical treatment.

# NATO weighs training options for Iraqi military

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

MONS, Belgium — The North Atlantic Treaty Organization could be heading for the Persian Gulf.

NATO is considering ways it can help train the new Iraqi military, at sites both inside and outside the war-torn country, as well as ways to equip it with weapons, vehicles and other gear.

The goal is to demonstrate that NATO supports a democratic, stable Iraq without actually joining the bloodshed.

Although member nations are being asked to send troops to Baghdad, their jobs would be to train Iraq's new military leaders and not engage in combat with insurgents.

"This plan is a training-mission plan, not a combat plan," said Marine Gen. James L. Jones, commander of NATO's military

## Mission plan would focus on senior-level leadership in army and national guard

arm, the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

"It has features of force protection that obviously have to be built in, because Iraq is a dangerous place."

The plan is working its way through NATO's military committee, so no time line has been set for raising the NATO flag in Baghdad, where the effort would be headquartered.

Jones estimated that the NATO force in Iraq would consist of up to 3,000 troops at the most, but could be as small as 300.

"It really depends on what the (member) nations decide to do," Jones said. "If they accept the plan in total, it would be one

number. If they accept it in pieces and send it back (for modification) it would be another number."

Factors that would affect the NATO contribution in Iraq include:

- The level of training and duration of courses that NATO would provide. "Training is already going on and being conducted fairly massively by (multinational forces in Iraq)," Jones said. "We'd be contributing in our way by having ongoing training."

- The number of nations that donate training opportunities and facilities outside Iraq. "We know some (will) right now, but we don't know it all," he said.

- The number that would offer equip-

ment for sale or donation. "I think it's possible that you could see some equipment donations lining up fairly quickly," Jones said.

Training would be focused on the Iraqi leadership, according to one NATO source who spoke on background but declined to be named.

"Things like basic planning, how to pass information from one staff element to another, who is responsible to do what," the source said, calling it a "quantum leap" over what the fledgling Iraqi officers know now.

"Our focus is at the senior levels of the Iraqi army and Iraqi National Guard," the source said. "Our mandate from NATO was also to consider all those (other) senior-level officers involved in security, whether they be Ministry of Interior, police, border police and facility protection."

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# Jones: Heroin is Afghanistan's next big problem

The deposed Taliban and on-the-run al-Qaida can still cause problems but don't pose serious threats anymore in Afghanistan, according to Marine Gen. James L. Jones, commander of NATO's military arm.

So the country might soon be in shape to take on its next big problem: heroin. Afghanistan is reported to be the world's largest producer and exporter of opium, which is used to make heroin.

"The problem of narcotics has to be taken on, has to be resolved at some point," Jones said Thursday at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium.

"The question is how, who does it, and when. There is great recognition that this is not a simple problem. It is not a simple case of poppy eradication as a solution."

Poppy, the plant that produces opium, flourishes in the northeast and southwest of the country. It's been a cash crop in Afghanistan for only a few decades, but NATO officials don't want to see the country become another Colombia, the South American nation that is defined by its cocaine production.

Opium grown in Afghanistan generates more than \$2 billion per year in illegal revenue, as much as the country's entire gross domestic product, according to International Security Assistance Forces in Kabul.

The business is operated and often condoned by territorial "warlords" who hold much of the real power from region to region in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan has a newly elected president, Hamid Karzai, and is trying to schedule parliamentary elections for this spring. The drug problem is Afghanistan's to fix, Jones said. But NATO wants to help. Europe is a major customer of Afghanistan's heroin — and seems ready to help fix the problem.

"(Karzai) knows we have to resolve this," Jones said. "I think that (NATO's) discussion about Afghanistan is about to turn that corner. We'll see what comes out."

The next meetings for alliance ministers are scheduled for February in Nice, France.

## Banner day for Bosnia, status quo for Kosovo

On Dec. 2, NATO is scheduled to turn over to the European Union its peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It will be the first military action to be supervised by the union.

The new operation will be called Operation Althea. NATO will retain a 150-person headquarters in Sarajevo.

The United States had previously announced it would retain a small number of troops at a forward operating base in Tuzla, mostly for training purposes and to support NATO headquarters there, Jones said.

The new operation won't look much different, Jones said, except for NATO flags being switched to EU flags.

To the southeast of Bosnia, Kosovo is coming off a relatively peaceful election earlier in October. But the volatile mix of Serbs and Albanians requires NATO forces to stay around.

"The mission there is going to continue for some time into the future," Jones said.

"If the climate stays stable and we see good progress, perhaps in 2005 we can make some (troop reductions)."

## NATO Response Force lauded after Olympics

The NATO Response Force, a mix of special operations troops from member nations, held a test run at this summer's Olympics in Greece.

The NRF troops were embedded with the Games' security task force.

Jones said he hoped the NRF troops will continue to train and be fully operational to take on missions by 2006. The NRF was established in 2002.

Speaking of Mediterranean security, Operation Active Endeavor

or is about to become a little more active. The group, where seven NATO nations work together to patrol the Mediterranean, keeping track of ships and occasionally boarding them, is scheduled to meet in November to refresh its counterterrorism efforts.

## Jones 'not frustrated' by NATO's pace of progress

The time it takes to bring NATO nations on board with U.S.-led military coalitions in Afghanistan and Iraq is not frustrating NATO military leaders.

"I'm more used to the procedures and can be a little more patient than I was," Jones said.

"We've got a good plan.

"I think people will be pleasantly surprised. It's not the military asking for the moon. We're asking for a very reasonable, modest number with which we can make a significant contribution, and we're hopeful it will be accepted."

Jones was referring to NATO members being asked to help train Iraqi officers and contribute equipment to the new army. NATO is also hoping that more nations contribute Provincial Recon-

struction Teams in Afghanistan, which are used to establish government rule in the country's hinterlands.

"We have new energy in Afghanistan," Jones said. "The Afghan (PRT) plan was proposed in Munich (Germany) in February 2003. In less than a year, we've got the mission resourced for Kabul (the capital)."

"We've done Stage 1 (of the PRT plan) in the north and had successful elections. Now we're poised to start Stage 2 and hopefully stages 3 and 4 after that. People could say this is slow. To me it is progress."

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# Whether Bush or Kerry, exit strategy uncertain

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM  
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WASHINGTON — For all the talk about Iraq in the presidential campaign, a crucial question largely has gone unanswered: What would it really take for either President Bush or a President John Kerry eventually to bring home U.S. troops? Both candidates in Tuesday's election say they are committed to defeating the insurgents, building an Iraqi force that can defend the country and putting Iraq on the road to democracy.

What is not clear is what either

would do in terms of U.S. troops if those conditions were not achieved fully.

Could U.S. troops ever withdraw, if the insurgency were not crushed but only weakened? How good would Iraqi security forces have to be to be good enough to defend their country? Would it be enough to have a stable Iraqi government if it were elected by only part of the country? One question no candidate would touch is what would happen should the violence escalate. Could there come a point when the situation appeared hopeless, U.S. public opinion had turned against it and

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the president would have at least to consider a withdrawal or redeployment of U.S. forces? "No president wants to cut-and-run on purely good policy grounds, but all presidents realize that if you lose public support, you could be forced to do what you don't want to do," said James M. Lindsay of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The Bush administration has a standard answer to the question

of how long U.S. troops would stay in Iraq: as long as necessary, and not a day longer.

As he repeated that last month in Cincinnati, Vice President Dick Cheney said the mission of the United States "is to get a democratically elected government in place and get the Iraqis in a position to be able to provide for their own security."

Administration officials have been divided, though, about just how successful Iraqi elections in January have to be.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said that if some parts of Iraq are inaccessible to voting, a partial vote would be better than none. Secretary of State Colin Powell has said the election will not be credible unless all Iraqis have the opportunity to vote.

As for securing Iraq, both Bush and Kerry expect "we will cobble together some kind of stability on the security and political front," said Barthelemy N. Crocker of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"It will continue to be messy, probably, and it won't be a perfect scenario," she said. "But it may at least enable us to feel that if we started to pull out U.S. troops, the whole thing wouldn't fall apart."

Kerry has stressed the importance of helping Iraq build a democracy and protect itself, saying Bush's efforts have been inadequate. The Massachusetts senator has said he would secure more international help to ease the burden on the United States. His goal is to begin withdrawing U.S. forces within six months and complete the withdrawal within four years.

Yet Kerry's prospects for winning international backing are uncertain.

If public support for the U.S. presence in Iraq should fade, Kerry and Bush could face different pressures to stay firm or pull out.

Kerry's commitment to what he described as "the wrong war

in the wrong place at the wrong time" is not as clear as Bush's, but any move to withdraw short of clear victory could lead to harsh criticism from Republicans, who are likely to keep control of both houses of Congress.

"Kerry will be just as constrained as Bush would be in terms of figuring out how to extricate U.S. forces," said Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute think tank.

Bush's legacy will be tied closely to Iraq's future. Presumably that would make him more likely to stay the course but also could make him appear more credible — at least in Republican eyes — if he were to decide it was time for U.S. soldiers to leave.

Some Republicans have expressed discomfort with the prospect of a long-term U.S. nation-building effort in Iraq.

"There is definitely sentiment among some Republicans to get out," said Thomas Donnelly of the American Enterprise Institute.

But, he added, "I don't think that would carry the day in a second Bush term."

The danger of an early withdrawal is that Iraq might fall into civil war or the kind of lawlessness that would allow terrorists to thrive.

"You can develop and embrace an exit strategy from Iraq, but what are the repercussions on the broader war against terrorism?" said Bruce Hoffman of the Rand Corp., another think tank.

Thomas Keeney, professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, says the timing of a U.S. withdrawal might be somewhat out of the president's control. Iraqi leaders could face political pressure to ask U.S. troops to leave, he said.

"The ball is not in our court entirely. Maybe not even primarily," Keeney said.

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A U.S. Marine watches an area through his rifle scope during a raid in a residential section of Ramadi, Iraq.

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## IN THE STATES

## Bush, Kerry reach for electoral win

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WASHINGTON — President Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John F. Kerry, go into the final 48 hours of the 2004 presidential campaign within easy reach of an electoral majority, but neither has a clear advantage in the remaining handful of tossup states.

This year's election is a virtual rerun of the 2000 race, with many of the same states in the too-close-to-call category. But four years ago, Bush's route to an electoral majority was clearer than Al Gore's, while this year his path appears no easier than Kerry's, given the states still in play.

Bush has solid leads in 23 states with 197 electoral votes and is favored in four more, which could bring him to 227. Kerry is equally solid in 13 states with 178 electoral votes and is favored in five states, which would bring him to 232. It takes 270 electoral votes to win.

Six states — Florida, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and New Mexico — with 76 electoral votes could determine the winner. All are regarded as tossups by neutral observers and the two campaigns.

What makes this presidential election so difficult to call is the intensity of voter interest, reflected in swollen registration totals and long lines for early voting, combined with the most aggressive voter mobilization efforts by both party and its allies have ever mounted. Democrats in particular believe their ground game may be decisive in the closest remaining states.

The other unknown is the potential impact of Osama bin Laden's Friday videotape message, which abruptly shifted headlines away from Iraq to terrorism and echoes of Sept. 11, 2001. Bush's highest ratings came for his leadership against terrorism, but there was no discernible shift to the president in polls taken during the first hours after the video aired.

The Washington Post's latest tracking poll shows a deadlocked electorate, with Bush at 49 percent, Kerry at 48 percent and independent Ralph Nader at 1 percent, among likely voters. But other polls show the race equally close, although a Newsweek poll put Bush up 50-44 percent among likely voters. A general movement toward one side or the other in the final hours could significantly alter the electoral map balance.

The candidates tried to tune their speeches to the shifting landscape as they campaigned in the states they know to be the battleground states. From last winter on, both Bush and Kerry have targeted Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, believing that whoever wins two of them would likely be elected.

Despite more than 40 Bush visits, Pennsylvania has now tilted toward Kerry, and Democrats are fighting desperately to pump the vote in their central and southwestern areas of strength enough to swing the state to the Democrats' advantage in Philadelphia and its suburbs.

Some public polls show the race

tied, but insiders are skeptical Bush can prevail.

Other states that have moved from the pre-convention tossup category toward Kerry are Washington, Oregon, Maine and Michigan.

Hawaii, once considered a Democratic certainty, has become a battleground in which Kerry is narrowly favored.

Meantime, Bush has gained the advantage in Colorado, Missouri, Nevada and West Virginia, all considered battlegrounds at one time.

In Florida, preparations for this election — and tensions over its outcome — have been building ever since the disputed 537-vote Bush margin gave him the presidency. Republicans retain control of the election machinery, run by an appointee of Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother. But Democrats have amassed an army of lawyers to challenge any irregularities. Both sides have prodded supporters to take advantage of the state's new early-voting law, and more than 1.5 million Floridians have turned in their ballots already. Republicans say they have growing confidence that Bush will carry the state Tuesday but Democrats have taken heart from early vote patterns in some counties and are far from conceding.

Texas's most direct path to re-election is simply to capture Florida and Ohio two big states he won last time. That could bring his total to 274 electoral votes. If he wins them both, he will be at 279.

Another option for Bush would be to steal Michigan from Kerry. They were forced Kerry to increase his margin of victory in Michigan, which gave Kerry the early advantage. His managers assumed the state was secure and devoted little time and money to it, an omission the Bush side moved quickly to exploit. With a revived party organization and hundreds of local "Victory headquarters," they have been successful in increasing his investment in the last 10 days.

But if Michigan stays Democratic and Bush and Kerry split Florida and Ohio, then the other tossup states become decisive, particularly three in the upper Midwest: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. The winner of two of those three likely will win the White House.

All three went for Gore, but Kerry has struggled to make a personal connection with midwestern voters, typified by his reference to "Lambert" rather than Lambeau Field, home to the Green Bay Packers. All three states are now open to Bush.

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Campaigning not far from the president, Kerry re-

Bush's best bet to pick off a Democratic state may be in Iowa, even though he has not yet been launched Kerry toward the nomination last winter. But Iowa remained too close to call over the weekend.

At one point in the campaign, four Rocky Mountain states were on the target list of the two cam-



Left: Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry speaks during Sunday services at Shiloh Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. Right: President Bush, first lady Laura Bush and Monsignor Jude O'Doherty leave Sunday Mass at Church of the Epiphany in Miami. At back is Bush's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.



AP photos

## Candidates continue hunt for votes

BY NEDRA PICKLER

THE Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Sen. John Kerry, after hammering President Bush over al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, returned to domestic issues Sunday, criticizing cuts in after-school programs, health care coverage and jobs lost in the last four years.

Making his fifth consecutive Sunday appearance at a predominantly black church, this day in hotly contested Ohio, the Democratic presidential nominee quoted the Bible and criticized his White House rival without naming him.

"There is a standard by which we have to live," Kerry said.

"Coming to church on Sundays and talking about faith and professing faith isn't the whole deal."

Bush opened his day in a battleground to the south, at worship services at a Roman Catholic church in Miami. Bush, who has assiduously courted Catholics during his term, was accompanied by first lady Laura Bush, his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and other relatives. He was all but endorsed by Monsignor Jude O'Doherty. Bush isn't Catholic, but Kerry is.

"Mr. President, I want you to know that I admire your faith and your courage to profess it," O'Doherty said.

Bush planned three campaign rallies across the length of Florida, followed by another in Cincinnati. After Ohio, Kerry planned a stop in New Hampshire before following Bush to Florida, where he earned a narrow victory in 2000.

With the race too close to call, Bush and Kerry also sought to turn to their advantage the re-emergence of bin Laden, mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Arlington, Va., and Pennsylvania.

"The terrorists who killed thousands of innocent people are still dangerous and they are determined," Bush told supporters at a Wisconsin rally on Saturday, the day after bin Laden's newest videotaped message was broadcast.

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sponded to bin Laden's re-emergence with his months-old criticism of Bush's post-Sept. 11 tactics in Afghanistan, bin Laden's one and perhaps current home.

"As I have said for two years now, when Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida were cornered in the mountains of Tora Bora, it was wrong to outsource the job of capturing them to Afghan warlords," Kerry said Saturday. "It was wrong to divert our forces from Afghanistan so we could rush to war with Iraq without a plan to win the peace."

A Newsweek poll showed the president moving ahead of Kerry in the popular vote, 50 percent to 44 percent, after being tied in the same survey a week ago. Democrats said their private surveys hinted at momentum for Bush.

White House chief of staff Andrew Card, interviewed Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition," predicted a Bush victory on Tuesday night.

"We've got over a million volunteers in key battleground states helping the president get the vote out," Card said. "I really see tremendous momentum for the president."

On the campaign Saturday, the two candidates responded to bin Laden's tapes in ways reflecting their long-held campaign strategies.

The president — who throughout the campaign has sought to deflect voter concerns about the war in Iraq, his handling of the economy and his job performance overall by fueling fears about terrorism — continued that theme.

At his first stop in Republican-leaning western Michigan, he reminded supporters of the 2001 attacks. "Americans go to the polls at a time of war and ongoing threats unlike any we have faced before," Bush said.

In response to the videotape, the Bush administration warned state and local officials that the tape may be intended to promote or signal an attack.

Kerry has tried to tap anti-war sentiment within the ranks of the Democratic Party while assuring swing voters that he would keep them safe. The decorated Vietnam War veteran pledged anew to "destroy, capture, kill Osama bin Laden and all of the terrorists."

er dead heat, Tuesday could turn into another long night of counting, but that could be eclipsed if it has appeared in the last week. Newspaper polls in the once-staunchly Democratic state showed Bush running even with Kerry, prompting both campaigns to pay advertising and late visits by Cheney and Gore.

If New Mexico turns into another



## Chelsea Clinton makes her debut

Chelsea Clinton speaks at a Kerry-Edwards rally Saturday in Tampa, Fla., accompanied by Caroline Kennedy, left, and Vanessa Kerry, right. Former first daughter Clinton, shielded from the public during her years in the White House, delivered her first political speeches Saturday as she campaigned for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.



AP

# The tricks just get dirtier

## Attempts to block voting include 'lost' registrations, intimidation, a flier telling Democrats to vote Nov. 3

BY JO BECKER  
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The Washington Post

As if things weren't complicated enough, here comes the dirt.

Registered voters who have been somehow unregistered. Democrats who suddenly find they've been deregistered as Republicans. A flier announcing that Election Day has been extended through Wednesday.

Dirty tricks are a staple of campaigns, but election officials say this year's could achieve new highs in numbers and new lows in scope, especially in key battleground states such as Florida and Ohio, where special-interest groups have poured in to influence the neck-and-neck race between President Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry.

"In my 16 years as an election administrator, I've never seen anything like this," said Jon Sancho, supervisor of elections in Leon County, Fla. "I see it as an expression of a political culture that has evolved in the United States of mind at any cost. It's not partisan, but it's just lie, cheat and steal, and ethics be damned."

The problem in Leon County: Students at Florida State and Florida A&M universities, some of whom signed petitions to legalize medical marijuana or impose stiffer penalties for child molesters, unknowingly had their party registration switched to Republican and their addresses changed.

Officials say students at the University of Florida in Alachua County have made similar complaints and that about 4,000 potential voters in all have been affected. Local papers traced some of the problems to a group hired by the Florida Republican Party, which has denounced the shenanigans. Switching voters' party affiliations does not affect their ability to vote, but changing addresses does, because when voters show up at their proper polling places, they won't be registered there.

The college scam also has made an appearance in Pennsylvania, along with a separate scam last week in Allegheny County, where election officials received a flurry of phone calls about fliers handed out at a Pittsburgh mall and mailed to an unknown number of homes. The flier, distributed on bogus but official-looking stationery with a county letterhead, told voters that "due to immense voter turnout expected on Tuesday," the election had been extended. Republicans should vote Tuesday, Nov. 2, it said — and Democrats on Wednesday. A criminal investigation has been launched.

Authorities in several states also are investigating claims, by former employees of groups paid by both the Republican Party and Democratic-leaning interest groups, that they destroyed or did not turn in new registrations by voters of the opposite party.

Clouding investigations are claims and counter-claims not only about tricks, but double dirty tricks. In Wisconsin, a flier is circulating in Milwaukee's black neighborhoods that purports to be from the "Milwaukee Black Voters League." "If you've already voted in any election this year, you can't vote in the presidential election," the flier reads. "If you violate any of these laws, you can get 10 years in prison and your children will get taken away from you."

Chris Lato, a spokesman for the Wisconsin Republican Party, called the fliers "appalling" but wondered whether Democratic interest groups might be to blame. He said circulator groups might be trying to represent the Republican Party while trying to gain up turnout among black voters.

"First of all, the claim was false, and it seems a little obvious," he said. "We have a lot of these shadowy Democratic groups here in Wisconsin, and I wouldn't put it past them to do something like this to muck up the works."

In Lake County, Ohio, some voters received a memo on bogus Board of Elections letterhead informing voters who registered through Democratic and NACCP drives that they could not vote. Election officials referred the matter to the sheriff.

Lawyers for the Ohio GOP, who have charged Democratic groups with registering fictitious characters such as Mary Poppins, said Friday that they condemned election fraud and misinformation campaigns of any kind. But some local Lake County Republicans have adopted the double-dirty-trick explanation, saying Democrats are out to make the GOP look bad.

Whatever the motive, election officials say voters are genuinely confused by the misinformation. In the Cleveland area, election officials said they received a spate of complaints after voters began receiving phone calls incorrectly informing them their polling place had changed. In addition, unknown volunteers began showing up at voters' doors illegally offering to collect and deliver completed absentee ballots to the election office.

Jane Platten, a spokeswoman for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, said officials have not identified who is behind the tricks. "We've never seen anything like this before, where there seems to be a concerted effort to give voters misinformation," she said.

# Races and returns to keep an eye on

By LANCE GAY

Scripts Howard News Service

OK, now that you have an "I voted" sticker on your lapel you can sit back and watch the results of the election on Tuesday night, Nov. 2.

Here's a guide for what you will want to look for.

**ELECTORAL VOTES:** It takes 270 votes of the 538 total votes in the Electoral College to win. A 269-269 tie would throw the election to the House of Representatives, where each state delegation would have one vote. In the current House, Republicans control 30 of the 50 delegations.

**BATTLEGROUNDS STATES:** You already are familiar with the key swing states, because they are where George Bush and John Kerry have been concentrating all their campaigning for the last month.

With their electoral votes, they are: Arizona, 10; Arkansas, 6; Delaware, 3; Florida, 27; Iowa, 7; Louisiana, 9; Maine, 4; Michigan, 17; Minnesota, 10; Missouri, 11; Nevada, 5; New Hampshire, 4; New Mexico, 5; Ohio, 20; Oregon, 7; Pennsylvania, 21; Washington, 11; West Virginia, 5; Wisconsin, 10.

**EXIT POLLS:** Politicians and the media marks still rely on exit polling to divine which way the voters are going. A cautionary note: the trend to early voting is making them unreliable.

**STATES TO WATCH:** The East Coast results are going to reflect a national trend. Political experts say that given the breakdown in the battleground states, Kerry will at least he picks up two of these three states — Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida.

Here are the highlights:  
**■ Pennsylvania:** Has received the most presidential visits under George Bush than any other state. The state has voted Republican for some state offices and there's a large Roman Catholic vote, but it's also one of the Rust Belt states hit hard by the 2001 recession and Bush's decision to abandon tariffs on imported steel. It went for Al Gore in 2000 and is the home of Teresa Heinz Kerry, John Kerry's wife.

**■ Ohio:** No Republican has ever won the White House without winning in Ohio. The state also hasn't gone to the losing candidate since 1960, when Richard Nixon won there, but lost the election to John F. Kennedy. George Bush took the state with a 4 percent margin in 2000, but the recession cost the state 225,000 jobs. Gun rights and gay rights are big issues in Ohio.

**■ Florida:** The Sunshine state was fiercely fought over in the 2000 election, and Bush won by just 537 votes. Staunchly conservative and Republican regions in the north offset a strong Democratic vote among South Florida elderly voters. Bush is counting on a booming economy and the help of his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, to pull him over the top.

**■ West Virginia:** George W. Bush was the first Republican to win West Virginia since Ronald Reagan and Republicans are expected to hold onto this traditionally Democratic stronghold. John Kerry wants to win West Virginia

back, but he's hampered by declining union clout and Bush's strong stand on defense.

**■ Michigan:** Kerry should begin his concession speech if he loses this state. Al Gore won it comfortably by 5 percent of the vote and the state's heavy Muslim vote supports Kerry. But Michigan has a large number of retired veterans and Lebanese Christians who are increasingly Republican.

**■ Wisconsin:** Democrat Al Gore won this state by 5,708 votes in 2000, and it's one of the central battlegrounds between Democrats and the GOP. Wisconsin's old tradition of liberal Republicanism has been changed as the party has attracted conservative Christian groups in the South.

**■ Minnesota:** Minnesota hasn't voted for a Republican president since 1972, but the voters here are notorious mavericks. They dealt the traditional farmer-labor coalition of Democrats a blow by voting ex-wrestler Jesse Ventura in as governor in 1998. Ralph Nader did well here and the Minnesota outcome will be an early indicator of what impact Nader's candidacy will have in this election.

**■ Missouri:** Missouri has been the most reliable barometer for presidential hopefuls, voting for the winner in every presidential election in the last 100 years except 1956. Bush carried Missouri by just 80,000 votes in 2004.

**■ Washington:** The state is divided between the liberal vote in Seattle and the conservative vote in eastern parts of the state. Ralph Nader has a lot of student support here, but if Kerry's campaign could take votes away from John Kerry here. The state hasn't voted for a Republican presidential candidate in 20 years.

**■ California:** All 53 seats are up for re-election. The current breakdown is 227 Republican, 205 Democrats, 1 independent, with two vacant seats formerly held by Republicans.

Watch for returns in Texas where a handful of Democratic seats could go Republican.

**THE SENATE:** Control is controlled by Republicans 51-48 with 1 independent.

If there are any coattails from the presidential election, they show up early in the evening in three key East Coast Senate races: Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. All three seats are currently controlled by Democrats, so a GOP pickup in any of them would be cause for jubilation by Republicans that they in "Southern" states are being strong on issues appealing to Christian voters and strong on defense — is the path to future success.

Later in the evening, watching for the returns in South Dakota, Colorado and Alaska. Washington insiders are particularly interested in "Southern" strategy, where Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle could be fatally hurt by a strong Bush vote.

**AFTER THE ELECTION:** Challenges to the election have to be cleared by Dec. 7. Electors meet in their respective state capitals Dec. 13. A special joint session of the new Congress convenes Dec. 6 to read and certify the votes and officially declare the winner.

## IN THE WORLD



View of a meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council in the West Bank town of Ramallah on Sunday. Palestinian officials have been convening a series of top meetings in recent days to show that their institutions continue to function in Yasser Arafat's absence.

# Israeli, Palestinian leaders plan for Arafat's absence

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Senior Palestinian and Israeli leaders held separate meetings Sunday to plan a path forward in the absence of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was sequestered in a French hospital with an unknown ailment.

Palestinian officials have been convening a series of top meetings in recent days to show that their institutions continue to function in Arafat's absence, while Israeli officials scrambled to plan for the possibility that Arafat could die.

The Palestinian leader has said he wants to be buried in Jerusalem, at the holy site known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Haram as-Sharif, or Noble Sanctuary.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday he would never allow that.

"As long as I am prime minister, Arafat won't be buried in Jerusalem," he told his Cabinet, according to participants in the meeting.

Israeli security officials have expressed concern that a funeral procession in Jerusalem could quickly spin out of control. Israel also believes a burial in Jerusalem would bolster Palestinian claims to the city.

Israel also was preparing for the possibility that the West Bank and Gaza could erupt into chaos if Arafat dies and senior defense, foreign affairs and intelligence officials briefed the Cabinet on Arafat's health and possible scenarios for the future.

Israeli officials said they were working under the assumption Arafat would not return to the Palestinian political arena.

In an effort to project unity and continuity in the Palestinian Authority, top leaders have held a series of meetings in recent days.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, whose efforts to force Arafat to relinquish some power have largely failed, chaired a session Sunday of the Palestinian National Security Council. The body, headed by Arafat, commands the most important of the myriad Palestinian security forces.

In a symbolic gesture, Qureia refused to sit at the head of the table, Arafat's place.

Former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, who resigned last year in frustration with Abbas, made the same symbolic gesture Saturday when he presided over a meeting of the PLO executive committee.

The Palestinian Legislative Council also met Sunday and the PLO executive committee was to meet again Sunday night.

"In a commitment from our side to our president, our national symbol, we are convening all our institutions as we used to do when he was present," said Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's top security adviser.

Until the Palestinian leadership situation becomes clear, Israeli army will "demonstrate restraint" in military operations in the West Bank and Gaza, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said.

"These are days of waiting, and during such days you act perhaps with a bit more caution," Shalom told Army Radio before the weekly Cabinet meeting.

"He's more cheerful," Shaath said. "He's more lively. He's less tired and we are awaiting a final assessment made by the French doctors about the diagnosis."

Shaath said examinations had ruled out leukemia "or any other cancer." However, no doctors or other specialists have publicly confirmed that conclusion. The only problem that has been announced is a low blood platelet count.

## Jordan convicts man of raising terror funds

BY JAMAL HALABY

The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan's military court convicted a terror suspect Sunday of raising funds to help Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, the most-wanted militant in Iraq, carry out attacks on U.S. forces there and against Jordanian interests in the kingdom. Bilal al-Hiyari was sentenced to six months in jail.

The court, however, acquitted al-Hiyari, 34, of conspiracy to carry out terror attacks, saying there was little evidence to implicate him.

Under Jordanian law, verdicts resulting in less than three years imprisonment cannot be appealed.

The defendant, sporting a black beard and wearing a navy blue prison uniform, stood silently in front of the military court's chief judge, Col. Fawaz Buqur, as the sentence was read out.

You are acquitted of conspiring to carry out terror attacks because specific details of the accusation could not be substantiated with hard evidence," Buqur told the defendant.

"Thank you," the Jordanian businessman responded.

Military prosecutors accused al-Hiyari of having collected unspecified amounts of money to fund attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq and terrorist activities in Jordan planned by al-Zarqawi, who is thought to be a close asso-

ciate of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

The indictment sheet alleged al-Zarqawi had recruited al-Hiyari to "raise funds to finance military operations on the Jordanian and Iraqi arenas." It said U.S. forces in Iraq were specifically targeted.

Al-Hiyari allegedly met al-Zarqawi in Afghanistan at an unspecified date and "developed a warm friendship because both espoused the similar holy war ideology," the indictment said.

It said al-Hiyari visited al-Zarqawi in Iraq in July 2003 on an invitation from al-Zarqawi's spiritual leader, Omar Yousef Jumah, who is also known as Sheikh Abu Anas al-Shami. Al-Shami was killed in a U.S. airstrike in Iraq last month.

In August 2003 in Jordan, al-Hiyari allegedly raised around \$3,000 to buy a German-made Opel car that was sent to al-Zarqawi in Iraq by an Iraqi associate of al-Zarqawi, identified as May Yathnan. The indictment did not say where the funds came from.

It said later that year and in early 2004, al-Zarqawi twice sent al-Hiyari an envelope, identified as Al-Miqdad al-Dabbas, to collect more money, which al-Hiyari could not raise before he was arrested May 16 and the terrorist plot was foiled. The indictment did not specify how Jordanian authorities learned about the plot.

## Iran OKs bid to resume uranium enrichment

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The Iranian parliament unanimously approved the outline of a bill Sunday forcing the government to resume enriching uranium, legislation likely to deepen an international dispute over Iran's nuclear activities at a time when its chief negotiator gave compromise talks a 50-50 chance of success.

Shouts of "Death to America!" rang out in the conservative-dominated parliament after lawmakers voted to advance the nation's nuclear program, an issue of national pride that provides a rare point of agreement between many conservatives and reformers.

Washington has pushed hard for Iran to drop its nuclear program, which Tehran maintains is for peaceful energy purposes. The International Atomic Energy Agency, which is the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, and European powers also are trying to persuade Iran to limit its nuclear activities.

The United States, which has secured some European support, accuses Iran of trying to build nuclear weapons. Britain, France and Germany offered Iran a trade deal last week in which Iran agreed in return for assurances the country will stop enrichment in-

definitely — something Iran says it will not do.

Parliament speaker Gholam Ali Haddad Adel called parliament's vote a message to the world.

"The message of the absolute vote for the Iranian nation is that the parliament supports national interests," he said. "And the message to the outside world is that the parliament won't give in to coercion."

A date was not set for discussing details of the legislation, under which the government would be required to resume enrichment of uranium — injecting gas into centrifuges, a process Iran is not doing now. The outline of the bill did not include a date by which the government must resume enriching uranium.

Such legislation could limit Iranian officials negotiating with the Europeans, unless the government is able to persuade parliament to pre-approve any details of the bill for weeks or months.

Britain, Germany and France have warned that if Washington states will back Washington's call to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council for possible economic sanctions, Tehran doesn't give up all uranium enrichment activities before a Nov. 25 IAEA meeting.

## PLO leader improving but more tests needed

The Associated Press

CLAMART, France — Having ruled out leukemia, French doctors were trying for a second day Sunday to determine what ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is suffering from, his aides said.

Palestinian officials gave conflicting reports when results from further tests were expected. Mohammed Rashid, a close Arafat aide, said results were due Wednesday, but Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said Arafat's doctors would issue a medical report in the next 48 hours.

But, "Arafat does not have leukemia," Rashid said. "It's been ruled out. Rule it out."

The Palestinian foreign minister, Nabil Shaath,

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# Blast outside Chechen hospital injures 17

BY SERGEI VENVAYSKI  
The Associated Press

**ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia** — A car bomb exploded outside the Chechen capital's main hospital Sunday, wounding 17 people in an attack apparently targeting members of a security force headed by the son of Chechnya's slain Kremlin-backed president, emergency officials said.

Another car bomb exploded near a Russian military checkpoint on the outskirts of the capital, Grozny, and wounded one man, said Maj. Igor Golubenko, a duty officer for the southern Russian headquarters of the Emergency Situations Ministry in Rostov-on-Don.

## Car bomb apparently aimed at local security forces

Earlier, Golubenko said the explosion appeared to have been caused by a mine.

Russian media, citing Chechen Interior Ministry sources, said the car bomb on the outskirts of the capital happened first, then as the injured were being carried into the hospital, another bomb went off.

Golubenko said he couldn't confirm that scenario, but he said the information was being checked.

In the hospital blast, a car packed with explosives detonated, blowing a crater into the

ground and breaking the glass windows in hospital No. 9.

Thirteen of the wounded were members of the Chechen presidential security service, headed by Chechen First Deputy Prime Minister Ramzan Kadyrov. Three other victims were hospital workers. The security service officers appeared to have been the target, Golubenko said. One child was also injured, he said.

The blast at the checkpoint injured one person, Golubenko said.

A Federal Security Service spokesman, Maj. Gen. Ilya Sha-

balkin, said that one person was killed and three others were wounded in that blast, according to the Russian media. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the conflicting accounts.

Kadyrov's force, believed to number 2,000-4,000 men, is responsible for combating the rebels who have been fighting Russian rule for close to a decade. But they are widely feared by Chechen civilians and have been accused of severe abuses ranging from kidnappings to robberies.

Kadyrov's father Akhmad, the

Kremlin-backed president, was assassinated in a bombing at Grozny's stadium during a May celebration of the anniversary of the end of World War II.

Separatist rebels pushed Russian troops out of Chechnya in 1996, following a brutal 20-month war that left the region de facto independent. Troops returned in the fall of 1999 after rebels raided the neighboring province of Dagestan and after a series of apartment house bombings that Russian officials blamed on the rebels.

Rebels have denied any part in those blasts, but radical rebel leader Shamil Basayev has claimed responsibility for a series of major terrorist attacks since.

## Three U.N. hostages appear on videotape

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Militants released a videotape Sunday showing three frightened foreign U.N. hostages pleading for their release, and threatened to kill them unless United Nations and British troops leave Afghanistan and Muslim prisoners are freed from U.S. jails.

In the tape, the hostages — Anneta Flanagan of Northern Ireland, Filipino diplomat Angelito Nayan and Shiphe Habibi of Kosovo — are shown sitting hunched together against the bare wall of a room in an undisclosed location, answering questions from someone who is speaking to them in broken English from off camera.

Both women are crying, but the trio looked healthy and unharmed.

The man repeatedly asks them why they have come to Afghanistan, then asks why America and NATO have sent troops to Afghanistan and Iraq.

We have nothing to do with America," Nayan says calmly. "We are here for the Afghan people" and he adds later "We all want to go home to our families. We are United Nations workers. We want to go home to our kids and our parents."

Habibi explains that she is from Kosovo, but her abductor seems unsure where that is. "It is a Muslim country," she says. "I thought I could help a Muslim country and I just want to go home and see my brother."

The three hostages appear frightened. Their interviewer at several points seems to try to reassure them, saying to Flanagan: "Don't cry. Why you cry?"

But he repeatedly, and sometimes sharply asks them what they are doing in Afghanistan, and does not seem to understand their answers.



French soldiers from International Security Assistance Force patrol in a residential area of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, on Saturday. Afghan forces and NATO troops have mounted extra patrols and roadblocks since a Filipino diplomat and two U.N. workers were kidnapped on Thursday.

Toward the end of the 15-minute video, obtained by APTN in neighboring Pakistan, the interviewer appears to ask Flanagan to cry for the camera, to which she replies: "I have cried and cried and I can't cry anymore."

Finally after 15 minutes, Nayan asks: "Are we going to be released?" and the tape ends.

Jaish-ul-Muslimeen, which claims it seized the trio on Thursday in Kabul, said it made the tape and would execute the hostages unless the United Nations and British troops leave Afghanistan.

Ishaq Manzoor, a spokesman for the group, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the hostages would be killed in three days if their demands were not met.

"Like in Iraq, the U.N. has to leave," Manzoor said in a satellite telephone call.

But the group's purported leader, Akbar Agha, insisted later that it had set no deadline. "But we do want an early response to our demands," he said.

Manzoor said the kidnappers were also demanding the release of all Muslim prisoners from U.S. custody in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and from Bagram, the main American base north of Kabul. He claimed the group was negotiating with the Afghan government but declined to elaborate.

## 'Suicide bomber' turns out to be covert U.S. agent

The Associated Press

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — An American agent hidden under a head-to-toe veil sparked fear of a suicide attack in the Afghan capital Sunday by fleeing from police who tried to search her at a city park, officials said.

Police initially thought the woman, who was carrying a bag under her traditional Afghan burqa, was laden with explosives when she tried to enter the Bagh-e Zannana gardens, officials said.

An official with the NATO-run security force that scrambled patrols to the area said it appeared the woman had panicked because her bag contained a pistol.

"It's all been resolved amicably," the official said, on the condition he not be named.

An Afghan police officer said the woman had been brought to the Interior Ministry for a post-mortem on the embarrassing mixup. When confronted at the park, the woman apparently retreated to a four-wheel-drive vehicle parked nearby.

## Pakistan dismisses rumor that bin Laden is nearby

BY PAUL HAVEN  
The Associated Press

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan** — The envelope containing terror mastermind Osama bin Laden's latest message to the world was dropped into a letter box in an upscale neighborhood of the Pakistani capital, the second purported al-Qaida video to come out of this nation in little over a week.

Officials cautioned on Saturday that the tape's release to the Arabic television channel Al-Jazeera's Islamabad office did not prove that bin Laden is in Pakistan.

But its appearance was nonetheless an embarrassment to a nation that bills itself as a key ally in Washington's war on terror, and that has spent months focusing its troops on a swath of tribal communities along the Afghan-Pakistan border where the fugitive al-Qaida leader reputedly has been hiding.

Pakistan has sent tens of thousands of troops to the long and porous border with Afghanistan, concentrating on forbidding North and South Waziristan, where bin Laden and his top deputy, Egyptian surgeon Aymaan Al-Zawahiri, both are believed to be hiding.

Scores of soldiers and civilians have been killed, but the opera-

tions so far have not netted any major fugitives, leading to charges that the sweeps are conducted as a political show to curry favor with Washington, which has given Islamabad billions of dollars in aid since President Gen. Pervez Musharraf threw his support behind the anti-terror effort.

Bin Laden appeared far healthier in the video released Friday than many would have suspected, considering speculation that he already was ailing in the winter of 2001 when U.S., Afghan and Pakistani forces began their dragnet. U.S. officials often have described him as hunched up in a dank and dreary cave, all but cut off from the outside world.

Pakistani officials were quick to move into damage-control mode on Saturday, saying they had no idea how Al-Jazeera got the tape, and insisting its existence did not prove the terror leader was here.

Maj. Gen. Shaikat Sultan, the army spokesman, said the intensity of Pakistan's efforts in North and South Waziristan would make it impossible for bin Laden to hide there.

"Even if the tape was dropped here, that doesn't mean that he is here," Sultan said. "Nobody knows where he is, but he cannot be in Pakistan's tribal areas because of the presence of so many troops."

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## OPINION

## No argument that 'talk TV' lacks substance

Are you tired of watching-line between news and entertainment? Fed up with feuding TV spin doctors passing for reasoned debate? Is that your problem, Bunky?

Clarence Page



Well, take heart, friend. You're not alone. Jon Stewart, host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, feels your pain.

And when he recently had a rare opportunity to say so, right in the face of CNN's "Crossfire" hosts, Tucker ("From the right!") Carlson and Paul ("From the left") Begala, he let 'em have it.

Conservative commentator Carlson and Democratic campaign consultant Begala had invited Stewart to talk about his new book. Instead, he scolded their show for presenting a weapon of mass distortion: partisan arguments that are intended less to inform the public, in Stewart's view, than to score political points, the video equivalent of mud wrestling while the Republic sinks into the ooze.

"See, the thing is, we need your help," Stewart said in his most earnest let's-get-serious voice. "Right now, you're helping the politicians and the corporations. You're part of their strategies. You are partisan — what do you call it? —

hacks!" Ah, the effrontery! Tucker-on-the-Right responded testily that Stewart's recent spot interviewed with John Kerry (simple: "Is it true that every time I use ketchup your wife gets a nickel?") made the comedian-host look like a "butt-boy" for the campaign.

"If you want to compare your show to a comedy show, you're more than welcome to," Stewart responded. "... You're on CNN! The show that leads to me as puppets making crank phone calls!"

Ah, so that's the difference between the two shows: Stewart follows puppets, while "Crossfire" follows Judy Woodruff and leads into Wolf Blitzer. I get it.

Ironically, the televised feud generated a publicity boost so generous for both programs that Stewart's little sermon instantly became part of the very problem about which he was complaining: the Hollywoodwoodification of political and ideological discourse.

That process was well under way in our culture. As I write, I am watching Stewart back on his own program interviewing former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright about, among other worldly wonders, the high heels worn by Kim Jong Il to help the self-conscious North Korean strongman see eye-to-eye with visitors.

With VIP guests that also have included Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.; former President Bill Clinton; Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.; and Republican Party Chairman Ed Gillespie, Stewart's program presents in its comedy format what "Crossfire" or ABC's

"Nightline" do in more-serious settings. The difference: Stewart's show attracts more 18- to 34-year-old viewers than the network news does.

Yes, after Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly repeatedly ridiculed Stewart's audience as "stoned slackers" and "dopey kids" during an interview, a Comedy Central poll found that the show has more college graduates and \$75,000 earners in their audience than O'Reilly's does.

There's gold in info-tainment. Nevertheless, I appreciate what Stewart was complaining about. "Crossfire" and other argument shows, including some on which I have appeared, do not really present "debate" in the classic sense. Like the biting comedy bit by the "Argument Clinic" by the 1970s British crew Monty Python's Flying Circus, the argument shows often promise a debate but present merely a dispute and hope audiences don't mind the difference.

If it's done cleverly enough, we don't mind the difference.

Audiences have conditioned the journalistic field to strike — and we in the media have conditioned them to expect — a happy balance between in-depth information and entertaining, audience-grabbing sensationalism.

"In a world ruled by the fear of being boring and anxiety about being amused at all costs, politics is bound to be unappealing, better kept out of prime time as much as possible," Pierre Bourdieu, a leading dissident intellectual in France, wrote in 1996. "So, insofar



as it does have to be addressed, this not very exciting and even depressing spectacle ... has to be made interesting."

As a result, he continued, television in Europe as well as the United States is experiencing "a tendency to shut aside serious commentators and investigative reporters in favor of the talk-show host."

Is that good for democracy? Our ability to rule ourselves is well served when today's information explosion in print, broadcast and on the Internet produces an informed electorate. But sometimes I wonder how well-informed we are when, for example, a mid-October

ber USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll finds 42 percent of the public thinks Saddam Hussein was involved in the Sept. 11 terror attacks, despite the Bush administration's repeated denial of any such link.

If entertaining news-talk programs excite the appetites of young and old audiences to learn more about current affairs, such media perform an important public service. But if costumed people think any single TV show provides all the news they need, democracy suffers.

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## Castro's spin indicative of what he's done to Cuba

The Miami Herald

Cuba's tyrant is up to his old tricks. On the mend from an embarrassing fall that broke his knee, the arm last month, Fidel Castro last week tightened the screws on the Cuban people — again.

That's the promise of new policies that will ban purchases with U.S. dollars and impose a 10 percent tax on converting dollars — not euros or francs — into usable Cuban currency. While this will tighten Castro's control of the economy and satisfy other regime needs, the hardship will only increase for ordinary Cubans who make \$10 a month, if not less.

Dollars have been the island's prime currency since the regime legalized them in 1993 after the economic crisis that came with the end of Soviet subsidies. U.S. remittances and travel are Cuba's major sources of U.S. currency. While a minority of Cubans receive dollars from their U.S. relatives, others earn them doing odd jobs such as providing car rides, manicures and services for tourists, which the regime considers illegal.

*Los fulas*, as dollars are called, are prized because they can purchase items that Cuban pesos can't buy: TVs, fans, food and better-quality items sold only in hard-currency government stores.

The new dollar ban comes in the midst of another profound economic crisis. The U.S. State Department estimates that Cuba has lost \$100 million in revenues since new restrictions on U.S. travel and remittances to the island took effect in June. The regime already had raised prices in its hard-currency stores by 30 percent. Power blackouts have become daily reminders of the dictatorship's economic failure. Losses from recent hurricanes didn't help, either.

The move may be a desperate attempt to bring more dollars into the regime's coffers and resolve a debt crunch. If so, it will be short-lived. The regime may get a windfall as Cubans rush to convert their dollars before the 10 percent surcharge is imposed on Nov. 8. But that bonanza will quickly dry up if higher costs discourage purchases, remittances and visits. Meanwhile, there's no policy to spur new income, jobs or productivity.

Instead of reforms for growth, Castro increases totalitarian control and suffocates the economy. Hurt most will be the Cuban people. It's hard to imagine how ordinary Cubans will manage the increasing misery. Castro has dug them into an economic black hole, and there is no light in sight.

But this dictator isn't concerned with Cubans suffering. Castro's prime goal is to stay in power. With the dollar policy, he again tries to blame U.S. sanctions for the economic woes that he created. He also hopes to divert attention from his fall and questions that it raised, even within Cuba's ruling elites, about his ability to rule. Reformers within Cuba, and their supporters abroad, must keep pushing for change at the top.

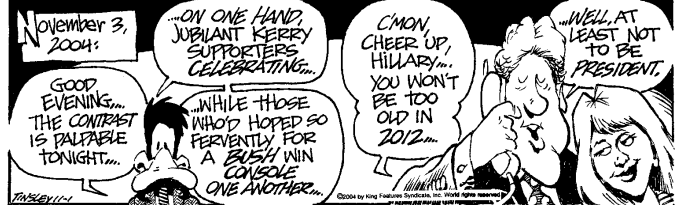
## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



CUBAN TV/AP

Cuban President Fidel Castro, with his arm in a sling, is seen on Cuban TV on Oct. 25 in Havana for the first time since his fall.



## Flu shot law

**NJ** TRENTON — Gov. James E. McGreevey has signed legislation that would steer flu vaccines to at-risk people and allow fines against health care providers who give the shots to those less vulnerable.

The measure sets a \$500 civil fine against doctors and others who vaccinate people at low risk for flu complications. A handful of other states impose a range of penalties, including jail time, for such actions.

The law also helps health officials assess the state's supply to get the vaccine to the most at-risk people. Supporters say the legislation was needed because most of the vaccine orders in the state were made by private entities and are outside government control.

The law followed recent reports that hundreds of teachers and casino workers had received shots.

## Discrimination lawsuit

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A group trying to prevent closure of the trauma center at an inner-city medical center filed a discrimination lawsuit, alleging the county is trying to dismantle the troubled hospital.

The nonprofit group Friends of Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center Inc., which includes patients, doctors and community residents, accused Los Angeles County and its health department of violating the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause and the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as well as Medicare and Medicaid regulations and various state laws.

The hospital and trauma center "have not been dealt with fairly nor have the racial minorities been served," attorney Mark Ravis said in a statement.

The lawsuit asks the court to bar the closure of the trauma center, prevent further hospital cuts and restore services already eliminated.

## Obscenity guilty plea

**LA** COVINGTON — The founder of a summer camp for children with cerebral palsy pleaded guilty to exposing himself three times to teenage girls waiting at Mandeville coffee shops.

Michael Lavie entered pleas to three counts of felony obscenity. Judge William Knight placed him on probation for five years and ordered him to undergo counseling.

## High-tech protection

**IL** SPRINGFIELD — Crews have begun installing metal detectors and X-ray machines at the Illinois Capitol as part of an attempt to improve security after a guard was shot and killed in September.

State officials, lobbyists, staff and journalists with state identification badges won't have to be scanned, but everyone else will, said Dave Druker of the secretary of state's office.

"You want to be able to treat everybody equally," Druker said. "But the fact is you wouldn't want a situation where a legislator has 10 minutes to get in the building for a vote, and he has to stand in line for 20 minutes be-



cause a tour bus just pulled up." Security guard William Wozniak, 51, was killed Sept. 20 by a gunman inside the Capitol. A man with a history of mental illness was charged with murder.

## Fireworks show nixed

**DC** WASHINGTON — It was too expensive for the Smithsonian Museum to circle the Washington Monument with an explosion of fireworks designed by Cai Guo-Qiang — his preferred form of art.

So he settled for a show, opening at the Hirshhorn Museum, of nine big drawings, made by setting off small quantities of gunpowder along lines on paper sketches.

Kristen Hileman, curator of the exhibit called "Unlucky Year — Unrealized Projects 2003-2004," said the fireworks did not fit into the show's budget.

## Judge prevents write-in

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A judge refused to let the Republican Party replace Salt Lake County's mayor, who is accused of misusing public funds, with a write-in candidate on the ballot.

On Oct. 12, Mayor Nancy Workman had stepped aside as a candidate in the Nov. 2 election, citing the then-pending felony charges and her emotional health. But Judge Stephen Henriod said fellow Republican Ellis Ivory cannot take Workman's place on the ballot because the doctor's note she cited in claiming health problems was too ambiguous.

County officials said they would appeal the decision, and

the Utah Supreme Court already set time for arguments in the case, suggesting the issue could be resolved in time for Election Day.

## DNA indictment

**NY** NEW YORK — A career criminal faces robbery and sexual assault charges after becoming the first person arrested in the state on an indictment based solely on DNA.

David Martinez, 46, was arrested on charges that he robbed a German exchange student of \$27 at gunpoint in 1996 and tried to rape her in a subway station.

In 2001, prosecutors used DNA from semen found on the woman's clothing to draw up a John Doe indictment, which uses DNA samples to charge and unknown sexual attacker before the statute of limitations expires.

The indictment charges Martinez with robbery, attempted rape and sexual abuse. District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said Martinez faces 15 years to life in prison if convicted.

## Possible permit cuts

**AK** ANCHORAGE — A new state report recommends cutting the number of Bristol Bay fishing permits from the current 1,857 to as few as 800. The survey by Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission says the existing number of fishing boats can no longer make a profit. The value of the Bristol Bay fishery has plummeted in recent years with the rise of fish farming.

## Voter guides recalled

**CA** SAN DIEGO — The county registrar recalled thousands of Spanish-language voter guides because of errors in grammar, syntax, spelling and translation. The guides had such sentences as: "People that are registered 29 and 15 days before an election will be taken a brochure." The guides were translated by county employees in 1999. The county has now contracted out for services.

## Candidate's home burns

**AL** LaFAYETTE — A congressional candidate's antebellum home burned down and he broke his knee jumping from the second floor.

Bill Fuller, a Democrat who faces an uphill battle against Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, also suffered smoke inhalation, as well as scrapes and bruises from the 15-foot jump into the bushes, said his spokesman, Ken Mullinax.

The home was built in the 1840s and was recently remodeled. "There is no indication of anything other than an accident," said Ragan Ingram, a spokesman for the state fire marshal's office.

## Expensive dog bite

**IA** DES MOINES — Officials are calling a 6-pound Chihuahua named Squirt a vicious dog after he nipped two children.

Neither child was seriously hurt. Owner Laurie Staver must buy a \$100,000 insurance policy or remove her pet from the city. She plans to appeal to the City Council.



**Witchy physician** Stephen Tiffenson of Oakland, Calif., works his 20-foot-high "Muthamba the Witch Doctor" entry at the Pier House Pretenders in Paradise Costume Competition in Key West, Fla. The Fantasy Fest Parade was expected to attract more than 60,000 revelers.



**Over the rainbow** A vivid rainbow arcs over the skyline of downtown Fresno, Calif., after a day of high winds and heavy rains hit the valley.



**Tasty treats** Asian elephants (from left) Chendra, Rose and Shine take part in the traditional squishing of the squash as they begin to devour an 880-pound pumpkin at the Oregon Zoo in Portland, Ore.



**Fall walk** A lone pedestrian walks through New York City's Central Park under a fall palette of yellow and gold leaves.





**Staring contest** Jenna McCauley, 2, of Oakville, stares at Peanut Butter, a small donkey at Suson farm in Suson Park, in St. Louis County near Oakville, Mo.



**Marching to the beat** Allison Martinez, center, and other members of the Americas High School marching band, practice twirling maneuvers with swords and rifles in El Paso, Texas.



**Artistic turtle** David Schaffer, 4, dressed as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, colors a Happy Halloween banner at the Farmers Market in New Bern, N.C., after he and about 200 other preschool children marched in a parade through the city's historic district.

## Grave robber acquitted

**OR** MEDFORD — Amateur archaeologist Jack Lee Harelsom was acquitted on two counts of trying to hire a hitman to kill people involved in his 1996 conviction for robbing ancient Indian graves in the Nevada desert. But after deliberating for 10 hours over two days, the Jackson County Circuit Court jury said it could not reach a verdict in four other counts in the murder-for-hire case. The jury did find Harelsom guilty on two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Prosecutor Tim Barnack said authorities would retry the four counts left unresolved.

Harelsom, who showed little reaction as Judge Lorenzo Mejia read the verdicts, was stunned by the outcome, said defense attorney Bob Abel.

## Tuition increase

**IA** DES MOINES — Tuition for Iowa undergraduate students at the state's three universities would increase by 4 percent next year under a proposal to be considered next week by the Iowa Board of Regents. It would be the lowest increase in more than a decade.

Tuition at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa would go up by about \$200 to around \$5,600 a year.

## Capital gets a Target

**DC** WASHINGTON — The nation's capital is about to get its first Target. Mayor Anthony Williams announced that the company signed an agreement to buy land for a store in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. Groundbreaking is expected in spring of 2005, with the store likely to open in late 2007.

## No 'Frankenpine'

**NY** ALBANY — The Adirondack Council declared victory when a plan by Nextel Partners to build a 114-foot cell phone tower in the Adirondacks was withdrawn. The environmental group dubbed the tower "Frankenpine" because of color to resemble a towering pine tree.

## Airport bomb scare

**MS** JACKSON — Authorities said no charges will be filed against an unidentified man whose carry-on briefcase at Jackson International Airport provoked a bomb scare. Hundreds of people were ordered out of the airport Oct. 7, and flights were delayed. After the briefcase was destroyed, officials found scraps of wires, a telephone battery, tweezers and a cassette player.

## Teen guilty of 3 deaths

**WI** RICHLAND CENTER — A judge found an Illinois teen guilty of gunning down his parents and uncle at a southwestern Wisconsin farmhouse, rejecting claims that he was insane when he committed the murders. The judge said Steven Tomporowski faked his mental illness to try to escape punishment. He said Tomporowski's bizarre be-

havior could be explained by his heavy use of LSD.

## Village plan approved

**CO** SOUTH FORK — Mineral County commissioners have approved zoning plans for a controversial village proposed by Texas billionaire Bill "Red" McCombs near the Wolf Creek Ski Area.

Opponents, including the ski area owners, say the development will ruin the no-frills nature of the area.

## Frozen body not crime

**WA** SPOKANE — It may seem creepy, but it's not necessarily a crime to keep a corpse in the freezer, police say.

A 59-year-old man walked into the Public Safety Building to ask what he should do with the dead woman's body he had stashed in a chest-style freezer, Capt. Bruce Roberts said.

Detectives who responded to the Chateau Apartments found the body of a 57-year-old woman inside the freezer, he said.

Police did not identify the man but said he was the woman's caregiver. He told them he arrived at the woman's apartment about a week ago and found her dead, then put her in the freezer.

"His underlying motivation, at least what he told us, was he wanted to preserve her dignity," Roberts said. "It's unique and unusual, but at this point there is nothing criminal."

The man was sent to a hospital for a mental evaluation.

Detectives couldn't remove the body, so they took the whole freezer, Roberts said. There were no obvious signs of foul play but an autopsy was planned once the body thawed.

## Rename the ice cream

**MA** ARLINGTON — Brigham's, an Arlington-based ice cream maker, is looking to the public for help in renaming its "Reverse the Curse" flavor, made obsolete by the Red Sox World Series win.

People can vote for one of four names: "Curse Reversed," "Believe It," "Sox Rock," and "Fenway Faithfuls." The company debuted the flavor earlier this year.

## School plot alleged

**UT** VERNAL — Four students have been arrested after authorities uncovered an alleged plot to kill classmates, teachers and parents at a high school.

Authorities described the scheme as a "pretty serious plot" in the planning stages at Uintah High School, sheriff's deputy Robert Roth said.

No details were being released about the suspects, who were arrested but have not been formally charged.

Police who searched the suspects' homes said the students had access to weapons and had downloaded material from the Internet with bomb-making instructions.

Investigators also discovered "hit lists" naming at least 10 victims, including other students, teachers and some of the suspects' parents, Roth said.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Ukrainian election raises fears and unrest for voters

BY ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainians cast ballots in a presidential election Sunday that has raised fears of a local polling station was beaten by police, Yushchenko's campaign said.

Authorities in the eastern city of Zaporizhzhia banned all protests after the end of balloting.

About 147,000 people were on duty and thousands of additional security forces were assigned to the capital. Police also erected a cordon of metal barriers around the Central Election Commission building. Four water cannons and at least two armored fighting vehicles, a fire truck and an ambulance stood ready, and dozens of elite security troops were patrolling the area.

Yanukovich, after casting his vote at a polling station in a dancing school, said, "Today the government did everything for the peaceful conduct of the vote."

After casting his ballot in downtown Kiev, Yushchenko said he was confident of a first-round victory. "That's because God and justice are with us."

Fearing clashes with pro-government groups or police, Yushchenko's campaign canceled polls that had scheduled for Sunday and called on supporters to monitor vote counting instead.

After years of post-Soviet economic chaos, Ukraine has recently shown strong economic growth. Both candidates have promised to end the economic stagnation in the country where millions still live in poverty.

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Ukrainian former prime minister and presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko casts his ballot at a polling station in Kiev on Sunday.

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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro	\$1,399
British pound	\$1.68
Japanese yen (Oct. 30)	104.00
South Korean won (Oct. 30)	1,095.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.635
Canada (Dollar)	1.234
Denmark (Krone)	\$5.896
Egypt (Pound)	2.547
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2745
Hungary (Forint)	199.14
India (Rupee)	69.05
Israel (Shekel)	4.462
Japan (Yen)	162.1
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.246
Norway (Krone)	6.511
Philippines (Peso)	56.31
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	5.037
Singapore (Dollar)	1.631
South Korea (Won)	1,124.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.369
Thailand (Baht)	41.69
Turkey (Lira)	1,470,588.00
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-currency exchange rates (e.g., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference only. Buying currency. All figures are foreign dollars to the dollar, except where indicated in dollars-to-euro.)	

## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Mercile close	
Gold	\$425.10
Silver	\$7.70

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.825
3-month bill	1.85
30-year bond	7.50
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America	

# Malaysian dissident to make a political return

BY SEAN YOONG

The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia's most charismatic dissident Anwar Ibrahim — released two months ago from jail — kicked off his political comeback Sunday, vowing to restart a campaign for democratic reforms and racial equality.

But Anwar also extended an olive branch to his foes in the government.

"I will not have the attitude of being an enemy with anyone. I would like to reduce rancorous exchanges over our politics of enmity," he said.

Some 1,000 followers cheered loudly and chanted "Reformasi" — the slogan of his political reform movement — as Anwar emerged from Kuala Lumpur International Airport after a trip to Germany for back surgery and a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia.

In a clear sign that the government would not allow Anwar's return to the limelight to be easy, police built roadblocks to try to prevent supporters from massing at the airport and the government refused to issue a permit for a welcome rally at a soccer stadium.

"Don't think that just because Anwar Ibrahim is free, everything is settled," Anwar said in a speech later to hundreds of supporters at his house.

The release of Anwar is the beginning of a new chapter. In this chapter, he will address the fate of all people in Malaysia and ensure that our leaders are not arrogant and greedy," said the 57-year-old former deputy prime minister.

But he promised not to take to the streets. In 1998, after then-Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad fired him from the government and the ruling United Malays National Organization, Anwar led tens of thousands of people in rallies calling for the ouster of Mahatir, his former mentor and longtime colleague.

Anwar was subsequently ar-

rested, tried and sentenced to 15 years in jail on sodomy and corruption charges.

A court recently overturned the sodomy charge and he was freed from jail on Sept. 2 because he had already served his corruption conviction. He left for Germany on Sept. 4.

The corruption conviction means Anwar cannot hold a public post until 2008 although he has been named special adviser to the opposition People's Justice Party that his wife started when he was in jail.

Anwar said he would seek out a meeting as soon as possible with Mahatir's successor, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who completed one year in office Sunday.

The meeting would be to discuss "a new approach in Malaysian politics with the agenda of change and reform," Anwar said, referring to Abdullah's less-confrontative style in contrast to Mahatir.

He later told reporters that he wants to ask Abdullah to allow greater democratic freedoms, including judicial and media independence. He also wants to discuss problems such as poverty, corruption and race relations.

"We want to create a Malaysia that truly stands for justice and goes beyond the interests of just one race or party. We will need the support of everyone," Anwar said, referring to the government's policy of giving special privileges to the majority Malays over Chinese and Indians.

Anwar said he also hoped to assist in efforts to encourage "engagement between Islam and the West."

# Israeli army dogs run treadmills for exercise

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's army, fresh from expressing concern about the expanding waistlines of its soldiers, is addressing a new issue — keeping its dogs in shape.

The current edition of Bahaneh, the soldier's weekly, says the army dogs don't get enough exercise in the winter because of rainy weather.

In September, Bahaneh reported that 57 percent of the soldiers in Israel's professional army are overweight, says a military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, has required all officers to pass a physical fitness test.

Dogs in the "Okezt" unit are used as messengers and to sniff out explosives, as well as other tasks that are classified.

The "Okezt" soldiers and dogs used to exercise together, but the dogs tracked too much mud into the training area, the article said, leading to a decision to separate them.

Each dog has an individual training program, with an average of 20-30 minutes of exercise a week, the weekly said.

The dogs enjoy the fitness training and release a lot of aggression, Capt. Lior, deputy commander of the unit, told the weekly, giving only his first name according to military regulations.

For now, the training room for the furry fighters has only two treadmills, but the Defense Ministry has put out a tender for more equipment.

## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Getting ready to retire

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Most people expect to spend much less money when they retire. They're wrong.

This mistake prevents most people from preparing adequately for retirement, writes Robert C. Carlson, author of the new book "The New Rules of Retirement." While some expenses go down, others do not.

Expenses especially increase, according to Carlson, during the first year of retirement when retirees are adjusting to their new lifestyle.

Compare your current monthly budget with a detailed list of possible monthly expenses after retirement, Carlson recommends.

Understanding what your bills may be like can help you make adjustments now and spend money more wisely.

After you retire, you can generally expect to pay less (or nothing) in work-related expenses such as commuting, clothes, professional memberships, office

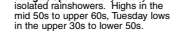
supplies and so on. You may spend less on housekeeping, dog-walking and other expenses that you'll now have time to take care of yourself.

One expense that may not change much is taxes. Depending on where you live and the life you lead, you may not see much of a decrease. If you take up volunteering, consulting or other part-time work, you may not see much of a change in work expenses, either.

Retirement activities that may boost your monthly expenses include travel, hobbies, entertainment, frequent dining out and doting on your children and grandchildren. You also should expect to spend more on medical bills, though how much varies with your lifestyle, current health and family history.

And you should factor in other unexpected and infrequent costs such as emergencies and repairs to your home or vehicles.

Use your projected list of expenses to talk with your financial planner about how much you should save for retirement.



European forecast for 01 November 2004



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## AFRTS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Stanley	Movie "Death" (2004, Warner) Mario Thomas, Bruce Campbell, Vonda Curtis-Hall	Dr. Phil	Jocerguy	The Saturday Boys Fox News Watch	PGA Golf Chrysler Championship - Final Round, From Westin Innsbruck Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla. (Taped)	30 Minute Meals Jocerguy	Jocerguy
9:30 Sawgs-Siamess Cat	Arbur (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Bulls and Bears	Designers' Challenge	Headline News	Headline News
10:30 From the Lions (E)	(34) Movie "*** Father of the Bride" (1995, Comedy) Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Bennett	(35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block 90 Minutes	Carulo on Business	Fashion Emergency	APN Evening News	APN Evening News
11:00 Sawgs-Siamess Cat	Stanley	(17) General Hospital	Headline News	Delineate NBC	The King of Queens	80 Minutes	80 Minutes
11:30 Stanley	Dora the Explorer	Headline News	Without a Trace "The Bus"	Next at CNN	SportsCenter	That '70s Show "Allergies"	Without a Trace "The Bus"
12:30 The Wiggles "Imagination"	Coming Attractions	Headline News	Today Nicole Kidman; winterizing a home.	Good Morning America	MLB Baseball World Series Game 7 - St. Louis Cardinals at Boston Red Sox. S. necessary, from Fenway Park in Boston. (Taped)	Charmed "Exit Strategy"	24 Day 3:00 AM - 3:00 AM
13:30 Bob the Builder	Movie "*** Sarah, Plain and Jane" (1999, Disney) Glenn Close, Christopher Walken, Jack Palance.	Headline News	Recess (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Aly McBeal "Those Lips, That Hand"	The Tonight Show
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)	Barney & Friends (E)	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Channel One	Headline News	Any Day Now "You Think I Am Lying to You?"	Headline News
14:00 Barney & Friends (E)	Funnies Home Videos	Headline News	Much Lucha a magic show. Kim Possible "Royal Pain?"	The Early Show	FOX News	ER "Where the Heart Is"	Access Hollywood
15:00 Funnies Home Videos	Full House	Headline News	Recess (E)	Headline News	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Double Down"	Headline News
15:30 Full House	Polkman	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	Baseball Tonight	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller
16:00 Polkman	Yo-Gi-Oh!	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	MLB Soccer Eastern Conference Semifinal Game 2 - New England Revolution at Columbus Crew. (Taped)	For Love or Money	Countdown With Keith Oberman
17:00 Hey Arnold!	Rocket Power	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	FOX News	Law & Order "The Ring"	Entertainment Studios.com
18:00 Spongetop Squares	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	Inside Politics	NFL Monday Quarterback	NFL Monday Quarterback
18:30 Rugrats	Lizzie McGuire	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	American Chopper Designing a custom chopper.	Headline News
19:00 Lizzie McGuire	Movie "*** Scar" (2003, Comedy) Anna Farris, by Anderson.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Friends	Today Nicole Kidman; winterizing a home.
19:30 Taina "Big Break"	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News
20:00 Smallville "Shimmer" Clark battles an invisible force.	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News
20:30 Boy Meets World	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News
21:00 Boy Meets World	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News
22:00 The Cosby Show	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News
22:30 Home Improvement	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News
23:00 Touched by an Angel "The Sky Is Falling"	Movie "*** The Perfect Storm" (2000, Drama) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century.	Headline News	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Headline News

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00:00 Hey Arnold!	(11:30) Movie "*** Ragin' Bull" (1980, Biography)	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	Sesame Street (E)
00:30 Rocket Power	Access Hollywood	Headline News	NBC Nightly News	Headline News	For Love or Money	Sawgs-Siamess Cat
1:00 Spongetop Squares	(14) Movie "*** The Wheel of Fortune" (1985, Comedy) Arbur, Michael Hall, Kelly Lockwood, and Mitchell-Sim.	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight	Total Access	Law & Order "The Ring"	Dr. Phil
2:00 Lizzie McGuire	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Figure Skating Short One's Skate America. (Taped)	American Chopper Designing a custom chopper.	Oprah Winfrey
2:30 Taina "Big Break"	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Hannity & Colmes	Friends	NBC Nightly News
3:00 Smallville "Shimmer" Clark battles an invisible force.	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Seinfeld "The Face Painter"	Judge Judy
3:30 Boy Meets World	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Low Dobbs Tonight	Breathin'gapa Yoga	Access Hollywood
4:00 Boy Meets World	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Larry King Live	Caribbean Workout	(23) Guiding Light
5:00 Sesame Street (E)	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Larry King Live	Body Shopping	(13) General Hospital
5:30 Barney & Friends (E)	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline With Aaron Brown	Typical Mary Ellen	The View
6:30 Dragon Tales (E)	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	BET Nightly News	Emeril Live	Animaniacs
7:00 Bob the Builder	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Yan Smiley	Emeril Live	Braceface
7:30 The Wiggles	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
8:00 Dora the Explorer	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
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15:30 Full House	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
16:00 Polkman	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
16:30 Yo-Gi-Oh! Kabla is trapped.	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
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22:00 The Cosby Show	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
22:30 Home Improvement	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)
23:00 Touched by an Angel "Some-thing Blue"	Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Nightline	Emeril Live	Teen Kids News (E)

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## Rimes to host new 'Nashville Star' season

LeAnn Rimes will host the third season of USA Network's "Nashville Star."



Rimes

Rimes, who performed as a special guest on the show's second season finale in May, succeeds Nancy O'Dell, USA Network announced.

"As a singer and songwriter, I have great admiration for many of the budding stars who come to try their hand at performing and can relate to the hopes and aspirations of all the contestants, no matter how good or bad," Rimes said in a statement posted on her Web site.

The reality talent show pits country music singing hopefuls against each other in an "American Idol"-style competition. The first episodes of the third season are set to begin airing on March 25.

Rimes' aunt Melissa Bagwell said her niece's schedule fits in with the taping demands of the popular country series. Rimes, a native of Pearl, Miss., lives in Nashville, Tenn., where the show is based, with her husband, Dean Sherman.

## Naked portrait estimated to make \$6.4M

Lucian Freud's portrait of a naked, pregnant Kate Moss is expected to fetch up to \$6.4 million when it is auctioned next year, Christie's auction house said.

The near-life-size portrait of the supermodel, "Naked Portrait 2002," will be included in a Christie's sale of post-war and contemporary art on Feb. 9. It is being sold by an unnamed private collector, the auction house said.

Freud, 81, is considered by many to be Britain's greatest living artist, and his sitters have ranged from friends and family to Queen Elizabeth II.

The artist, a grandson of psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, has said he prefers to paint his models naked because "I can see more; see the forms repeating right through the body and often in the head as well."

"One of the most exciting things is seeing through the skin, to the blood and veins and markings."

## 'Godfather' stars top British poll

Robert De Niro and Al Pacino have topped a British magazine's poll of the greatest living movie stars over the age of 50.

The two stars of the "Godfather" saga took the top two places in a poll of 10,000 readers of British film magazine Empire. The poll was released Thursday.

Jack Nicholson, Paul Newman and Marlon Brando, who died in July before voting was complete, took third, fourth and fifth spots.

Anthony Hopkins, in sixth place, was the highest placed British actor, and "Alien" star Sigourney Weaver, in 10th place, the top-rated woman.



Pacino

## Shriver falls victim to Sox curse

The curse of the Bambino wasn't the only thing that was shattered during the Boston Red Sox's championship run.

Faithful Red Sox fan Maria Shriver broke her foot.

California's first lady injured herself while watching the fifth playoff game between Boston and the New York Yankees. The Red Sox, who had been down three games, went on to win the next four and advance to the World Series.

When the Sox's David Ortiz smacked a 14th-inning single, an excited Shriver jumped off the sofa — landing on one of her children's cast-off shoes and breaking her foot.

"She was hollering at her kids to pick up their misplaced shoes, so she's realized her instructions fell on deaf ears," spokeswoman Terri Carbaugh said.

"It goes to show it's easier to ... defeat the curse of the Bambino than it is to get one's child to do as (he or she) is told, as most mothers can relate to."

Stories and photos from wire services

## Growing pains

Evanesence singer Amy Lee pushes through a band rift and proves women can be a big draw in the rock world

BY CARYN ROUSSEAU

The Associated Press

**E**vanescence has sold more than 10 million copies of its debut album and won two Grammys, but it has been easy for lead singer Amy Lee.

She endured a very public split with her lead guitarist and a battle with radio stations nationwide that believe women can't rock. Now, after finishing a huge tour, Lee finds herself back where she started — writing the lyrics that catapulted an Arkansas rock band to the world stage.

Lee was 14 when she founded the rock band with Ben Moody after they met at summer camp. They wrote music together and played at small Little Rock venues before landing a deal with Wind-up Records, which released "Fallen" in the spring of 2003.

Moody abruptly left the band about seven months later, leaving Lee to work on Evanesence's sophomore effort. But this time it will have to be different.

Lee is the words of Evanesence, and Moody was the music. She says not having him around this time gives her liberty.

"Ben has a certain kind of pop structure that he follows that I wouldn't," the 22-year-old singer said backstage before her tour wrapped up in August with a hometown Little Rock show. "He would always be corralling my ideas. It's going to be cool this time to have more freedom, just in that there's more people writing like a real band. Everybody's involved and we have a good successful album under our belt, so there's less pressure."

Less pressure too, with Moody working with pop stars Kelly Clarkson and Avril Lavigne and on several movie soundtracks.

"When Ben left the band we were all relieved," she said quietly. "It was a really uncomfortable situation for everybody."

"It was completely unstable and unhappy. It was a scary time before he left the band because I knew something was going to happen and I didn't know what and I was afraid everything we worked for had the potential of going down the toilet."

There's no word on when the next album will be released. Lee hopes to quell fans' demands for new material with a DVD release of tour footage, possibly around Thanksgiving.

The demands of nonstop touring kept Lee from writing, but for fans the treat of seeing an Evanesence show may ease off the desire for new material. To see the band on stage is to realize how unique it really is in today's pop-heavy music scene.

The most recent tour had Evanesence topping a bill that also featured rock band Seether, headed by Lee's boyfriend, Shaun Morgan. At the last show in North Little Rock, she knelt backstage as Seether played, cheering and clapping the band, crawling forward to get a better look before walking onstage for a duet of "Broken," which she and Morgan wrote.

When Evanesence comes on, Lee is a woman obsessed. Her long black hair flies everywhere as she jumps and pumps her fist in the air to punch the meaning of her lyrics home. Her haunting wail and strong voice echo in the arena

she's finished singing.

"When you get up there ... you just draw a blank and zone out and become Evanesence," she said.

Her magic is an ability to draw fans into the music. A piano rises from the stage and the crowd quiets as she sits and plays her solo — no singing. The audience slowly begins to go wild — a rarity today of teenagers and 20-somethings cheering for piano riffs instead of bare midriffs. And the thing is, she wrote it herself.

That, some argue, makes Lee a strong role model for women.

"I never saw myself as a role model. It's a word I hear a lot now," she said. "What am I going to say? I'm a good role model? I make tons of mistakes. It's funny. You always have a vision for your music and you think, 'Who's going to like it?' And 14-year-old girls are never what I had in mind. But I think that's awesome."

Being a woman heading up a rock band has given Evanesence a unique sound, but it didn't come easily. Rock radio wouldn't play the band at first.

"Program directors and DJs would hear the track and just turn it off," Lee said. "They would say 'What are you doing with a chick on a piano? Go take this somewhere else.'"

Eventually a few stations relented and fans reacted to the music.

"I like to think that it's because I'm coming from a place where a lot of people are," she said. "Everybody feels the same feelings all around the world. Everyone has the same biological makeup. I think it's cool for people to hear somebody talking about something they've been through and understand. I hope people like our music because it's real music, a real experience."

Her inspiration comes from trying to understand tragedy, Lee says, and learning how to deal with it. She moved around a lot when she was young and says she didn't fit in when she came to Arkansas at age 13.

"I think there's a lot of closed-mindedness here in the South," she said. "There's a certain set of views that a big majority of the people here have and if you don't follow their views exactly then you're an outcast. I remember a lot of times feeling like an outcast."

Lee calls Los Angeles home now, where she says she paints and designs her own clothes.

"I've always been an artist, like a painter. I sew my own skirt because I couldn't find what I was looking for kind of person," she said. "I don't consider myself like a fashion designer. I do have a little dream that someday maybe I could open a store in Seattle. But I'd only make one of each thing."

"I just don't like repeating myself."

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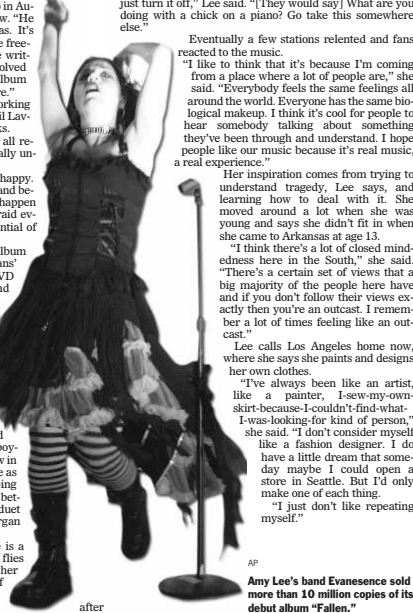
Amy Lee's band Evanesence sold more than 10 million copies of its debut album "Fallen."



Lee



Shriver



after

# Horoscope

The moon in Cancer produces some strangely coincidental happenings. You only have to ask a few questions to find out how connected you are to people you hardly know. But what does it all mean? Is serendipity a sign that you should pursue a closer relationship with someone or make one choice over another? Most likely, YES!

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(Nov. 1).** Your biggest ideas are completed this year! Keep working your plan—and if you don't have one, creating one this week is extremely lucky. Partners are attracted to your drive in December. Don't change your strategy. Do what you do well, and in January, new opportunities give you reason to reassess. A Virgo or Taurus romance heals you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Sometimes, you're inspired, so you do the work. Other times, you do the work, and the inspiration comes later or never comes. Unfortunately, the latter is truer today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Stop fretting about a decision, and just make it. When the difference is big, you know what to choose, and when the difference is small, it does not really matter what you choose.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** A quandary is featured. You can't leave everything you need to know from books. Someone's personal experience will teach you more about the subtleties you're facing.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Friends seem to have attention deficit disorder. It's annoying to say the least, but nothing to take personally.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Someone will respond in kind to your recent good deed. This should make you feel like you're making a difference in the world. If it doesn't, then it's time to give yourself a little more credit.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You've got to be shrewd to figure out the bottom line now because it's not what you think. People who appear to be in charge really aren't. And the seeming low man on the totem pole could indeed hold all of the power.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** An invitation in the mail or a request could cause you to reconsider just how close you'd like to be with someone—or do you even want to be a part of this person's life at all?

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If you look out the horizon, you'll see a situation in the distance that is steadily but surely coming your way. Start planning now because if you wait until this entity is at your doorstep, you'll make a rash and impractical decision.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** An intense workload is featured, but you're strong with plenty of stamina. Because you stay calm in the face of the "monster," everyone around you throws more work on your pile. Eventually, you'll be rewarded.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You've already made up your mind about what and whom you can support, but there's now a reason to reconsider. You never quite saw it from a certain person's point of view, and once you do, everything is different.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're feeling testy and could even make demands of people in a way that is uncharacteristic of you. But hey, you deserve to see results for your efforts, and if you don't speak up, you may not get the credit.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You may think you're looking for guidance, but what you really need is a cheerleader! You know what you want and how to get it. Someone who keeps you accountable is worth his or her weight in gold.

Joyce Jillson



Calvin and Hobbes



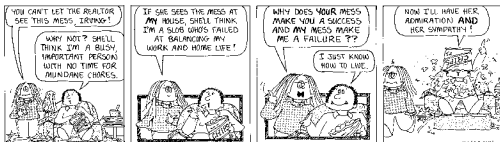
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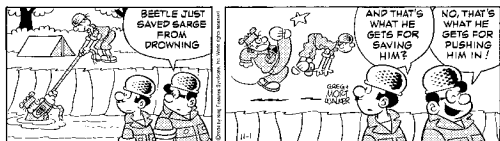
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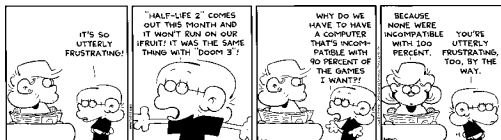
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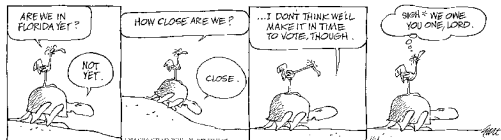
## To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be renamed "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

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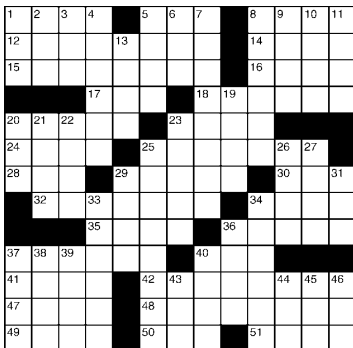
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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20 HBO bailiwick  
23 Forum garb  
24 Pre-swan  
25 Metaphor for the JFK administration  
28 Numerical prefix  
29 Crystal-clear  
30 A somebody  
32 Duck sauce ingredient  
34 Eat in style  
35 Piece of work  
36 Automobile type  
37 "I" trouble?  
40 Clothing protector  
41 Sweetheart  
42 Orange oil used in perfumes  
47 Writer James  
48 Dusk period  
49 Disposition  
50 Uncivilized

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20 Director's cry  
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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptquip: THE GOOD PHYSICIST,  
STUDYING THE PERIODIC TABLE, MUST  
REALLY BE IN HIS ELEMENT.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals W

# Trouble adjusting after deployment

**Dear Abby:** My husband, "Rick," spent a year in Iraq. He has been home for 3½ months. Before his return, the Army gave out a lot of information for us about what to expect upon his arrival — how he might act, how the kids might react. None of it seems to have helped me.

Rick has had no trouble adjusting to being home. He has experienced no serious side effects.

The problem is me. While Rick was gone, I did everything. I took care of our little boy, he handled everything. Now that Rick is home, I'm having a hard time relinquishing how to share MY child and MY house with him. Yes, Abby, I know it's his baby and his house, too.

Rick's deployment was the first time I had ever lived by myself — and I liked it. Now it seems that everything he does is wrong. Things that never used to bother me set me off now. Rick loads the dishwasher wrong and puts the

toilet paper in backward; he drives wrong. I want our marriage to be successful and happy.

— **Army Wife in North Carolina**

**Dear Army Wife:** There is nothing "wrong" with you. You are not the only wife who has felt this way. What the Army failed to tell you is that there's a period of readjustment not only for the returning soldier, but also for the spouse who was left behind. The solution lies in communicating your feelings before you explode.

The two of you must learn how to communicate effectively again. Taking time for just the two of you to be together would also be a giant step in the right direction. Both of you have changed during his deployment. If that doesn't improve the situation, consider marriage counseling.

**Dear Abby:** About a year ago,



# Dad too open with female 'friend'

**Dear Annie:** I am a 15-year-old young woman. I have known for a long time that my parents weren't happy with each other, and last year, they told me they were going to divorce when I turn 18. I'm trying to deal with that, but here's the problem: Last week, my dad took me to my hair cut, as he does every month. Afterward, as usual, we went to his friend



**Annie's Mailbox**  
I haven't said a word about what I saw. Should I tell my dad or my mom, or keep silent? Should I wait until we go to Mary's apartment again and tell them together? This is starting to tear me up inside, and I get really depressed every time I think about it.

**The Girl Who Has Seen Too Much**

**Dear Seen Too**

Much: You sound like an intelligent young lady, and you know what is going on here. Talk to Dad directly. Tell him his relationship with Mary makes you uncomfortable and you do not want to squander the father-daughter time you have together by sharing it with her. Also mention that his disregard for what you might witness is disrespectful to you and your mother. If, and when, your parents divorce, you can then re-evaluate your relationship with Mary.

**Dear Annie:** My husband of

a friend of mine passed away. His funeral was more than 1,000 miles away. Because I didn't have much money, another friend called her best friend from high school and asked him to let me stay with him while I attended the funeral.

As a thank-you for his hospitality, I insisted on cooking for him the night there. We ate together, and at the end of the meal, he begged me not to leave yet. He had fallen in love with me. One year later, we're engaged.

When people ask, "How did you meet?" I tell them it was through a friend, but some people insist on hearing the whole story. Should we make something up? I can't tell people that I met him because of my friend's funeral!

— **J.H. in Yonkers**

**DEAR J.H.:** Why not? It's a wonderful story. Out of sadness came joy; out of death came life. I consider your love story to be an affirmation — and so should you.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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# THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



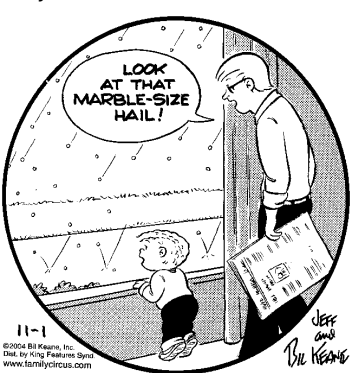
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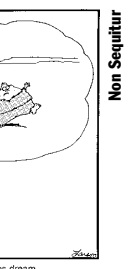
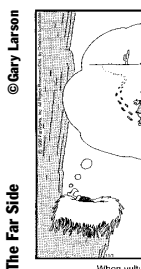
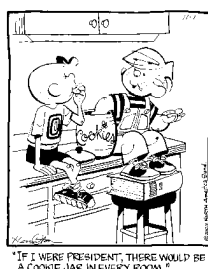
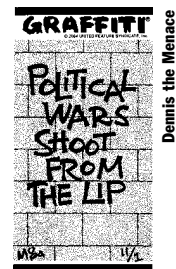
Saturday's Jumbles: PARCH AUDIT INFIRM GASKET

Answer: What the cops used to catch the fence — HIS 'GAI'

# Family Circus



"But they're all white marbles! No colored ones."





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# Owens scores as Eagles get to 7-0 for first time

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens found a new way to celebrate touchdowns: He mocked Ray Lewis.

Owens had an 11-yard TD catch and David Akers kicked three field goals, helping the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Baltimore Ravens 15-10 Sunday to reach 7-0 for the first time in franchise history.

Owens, who made a few enemies in Baltimore after he spurned the Ravens and forced a trade to the Eagles in March, had eight catches for 101 yards. After breaking several tackles to score in the fourth quarter, Owens, known for his innovative celebrations, imitated the dance Lewis does when he's introduced before home games.

Lewis and Owens exchanged verbal shots in the offseason because the four-time Pro Bowl wide receiver refused to play for the Ravens after San Francisco initially traded him to Baltimore.

The Ravens (4-3), missing three Pro Bowl offensive players, sure could have used Owens. Baltimore didn't score until Kyle Boller threw a 7-yard TD pass to Daniel Wilcox in the fourth quarter.

Baltimore drove to Philadelphia's 48 in the final two minutes, but Boller's fourth-down pass was incomplete.

Donovan McNabb completed 18 of 33 passes for 219 yards, a TD, and also scrambled for 36 yards, setting up two field goals with his runs. Akers kicked field goals of 20, 41 and 43.

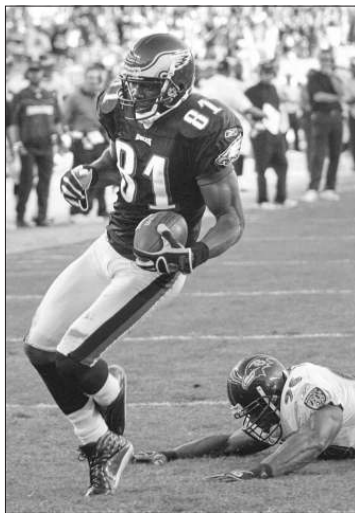
**Titans 27, Bengals 20:** At Nashville, Tenn., Tennessee rested Steve McNair and his aching chest, and backup Billy Volek responded by throwing for two touchdowns and 210 yards.

Gary Anderson kicked two field goals, and Chris Brown also ran for a touchdown and 147 yards, his fifth 100-yard performance this season. The Titans snapped a two-game skid with their ninth victory in 10 games against their old AFC Central foe Cincinnati (2-5).

Tennessee (3-5) sacked Carson Palmer four times, hit him repeatedly, batted down four passes behind the line and forced him into an interception and a fumble.

**Giants 34, Vikings 13:** At Minneapolis, a swarming defense, some tough runs by Tiki Barber, a few big catches by Jeremy Shockey and a turnover-free afternoon by Kurt Warner carried the Giants.

Barber, the league leader in yards from scrimmage, rushed 24 times for 101 yards and two short touchdowns. Shockey caught three passes for 60 yards. Warner went 15-for-21 for 144 yards and New York (5-2) finally solved its struggles inside the 20-yard line



Philadelphia Eagles WR Terrell Owens (81) scores on an 11-yard pass as Baltimore Ravens defensive end Adalius Thomas lies on the ground in the fourth quarter Sunday in Philadelphia. The Eagles won 15-10.

by scoring all five times it reached there, including four TDs. Backup Mike Cloud scored twice on short runs in the second half.

Randy Moss was in street clothes after halftime, going without a catch for the second straight game while a strained right hamstring kept him from running at full speed. The Vikings (2-2) had their worst offensive performance of the season. Daunte Culpepper finished 24-for-41 for 231 yards, one late touchdown and two interceptions. Culpepper led Minnesota in rushing with 32 yards.

**Texans 20, Jaguars 6:** At Houston, Byron Leftwich sealed yet another victory with a touchdown throw in the game's final minute. This time, he did so for the other team.

Demarcus Faggins returned Leftwich's errant pass 43 yards for a score with 42 seconds left, lifting Houston (4-3) over Jacksonville.

**Cowboys 31, Lions 21:** At Irving, Texas, Dallas finally got big plays from the old legs in their running game, only they didn't come from 33-year-old Richie Anderson or 31-year-old Eddie George.

Would you believe 40-year-old

Vinny Testaverde?

Testaverde stunned everyone with a 7-yard run on fourth-and-3 to set up a tying touchdown, then scrambled 3 yards for the go-ahead score, leading the Cowboys (3-4) past Detroit (4-3).

**Bills 38, Cardinals 14:** At Orchard Park, N.Y., Willis McGahee provided the spark the Bills needed offensively, running for 102 yards and two touchdowns to lead Buffalo (2-5) over Arizona (2-5).

In two starts this season, McGahee has two 100-yard games and has led the Bills (2-5) to both of their victories.

**Packers 28, Redskins 14:** At Landover, Md., Brett Favre and Green Bay won their third straight game, beating Washington to pull back to 500 after a 1-4 start.

The Redskins, trailing 20-14, thought they scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 43-yard reception by Clinton Portis with 2:35 to play. But the celebrations died quickly when the play was called back for an illegal motion penalty on receiver James Thrash.

On the next play, Al Harris intercepted Mark Brunell's pass and returned the ball 29 yards. Adrian Green scored on an 11-yard run four plays later, and a two-point conversion sealed the victory.



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JOE GROMELSKY/Stars and Stripes  
The sun rises over the two Jima Memorial on Sunday as the start of the Marine Corps Marathon draws near. In the foreground are some of the many tents set up around the memorial, where the race finishes.

# Feyissa, Bailey are champions in 29th Marine Corps Marathon

## Women's title goes to female from Corps for first time

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Retta Feyissa's trick: the ability to run after mile after mile after mile. Retta, finishing first in the 29th Annual Marine Corps Marathon, run on Halloween.

The 29-year-old Ethiopian native, who has made the Bronx home for the past year, said it was faith in God and his desire to run for his sponsoring non-profit organization Catholic Charities spurred him to come from behind and win the race in 2 hours, 25 minutes, 34 seconds.

"I like winning all the time," he said of his 11 years of running marathons. "I'm happy."

His shirt bore the Catholic Charities' motto: "Faith Works Wonders." Works for Feyissa, he said. "Catholic Charities is my life. I came to this country [SEEK-ING] asylum and they find me a job," he said, adding he is a janitor at a nursing home in New York.

In the women's category, active duty Capt. Mary Kate Bailey, 29, made a little history when she came in as the first female Marine to take the top spot with a running time of 02:48:30. She said she knew going in she'd win, if and only if, she paced herself from the very start. That she did, for all 26.2 miles of the race.

"Being active duty, and being a Marine and winning this race, you just don't know the pride I feel," said the logistics officer stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

She's from a family of Marines.



JOE GROMELSKY/Stars and Stripes  
Women's winner Mary Kate Bailey (37) of Arlington, Va., approaches the 16-mile mark on Sunday. Running with her is Victoriano Lopez of Washington D.C. (188).

Her three brothers are active duty Marine officers, as was her father, who is buried at the sprawling Arlington National Cemetery, near where Sunday's start/finish lines.

"Having dad here made all the difference. I just kept thinking of him," she said at the finish line, set up at the base of the Marine Corps Memorial, honoring all Marines who have given their lives in the defense of the United States since 1775.

Sunday didn't feel like any typical Halloween's Eve in the nation's capital as the balmy and humid 70-degree weather affected some runners more than they'd anticipated.

Second-place overall finisher, Terrance "Terry" Shea, 30, said the humidity slowed him and consumed more of his energy and made the race difficult, especially after mile 20.

Chris Kaag, 28, came in first in the hand-crank category. Two weeks after his 21st birthday, the former active duty Marine said his legs failed to work properly and his was diagnosed with a nerve disorder similar to muscular dystrophy.

He started Sunday's race looking to finish, never dreaming he'd end up winning his category.

"Guess that's cuz I trained my [butt] off," he said with a chuckle.

Last year's top runner, Peter Sherry, repeated the disappointment he felt in himself.

"I did poorly. Very poorly. I'm a little embarrassed. It just wasn't my day," said the three-time marathon runner who came in 16th overall.

But when he saw his 5-year-old daughter, Kelsey, and hoisted her into his lap, sent the disappointment melted.

"The only reason I finished was cuz of you. Sorry I didn't win," he said before nuzzling his face in her neck, eliciting a giggle from the little girl.

She wrapped her arms around him.

"We couldn't be prouder," beamed his wife, Faith Sherry.

Live results and more information on the Internet at: [www.marinemarathon.com/](http://www.marinemarathon.com/)

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# Cowboys put Glenn on injured reserve

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn will miss the rest of the season after being placed on injured reserve Saturday because of a foot injury.

Glenn is the third Cowboys starter to be put on injured reserve this season, joining tight end Dan Campbell and cornerback Pete Hunter. Two rookies, offensive lineman Stephen Peterman and cornerback Bruce Thornton, are also on the season-ending list.

Glenn tore ligaments in his left foot in Sunday's 41-20 loss at Green Bay. Coach Bill Parcells initially said the injury as "pretty severe" and that Glenn, who had 24 catches for 400 yards, would miss at least two games.

With receiver Quincy Morgan hampered by a strained hamstring, the Cowboys signed receivers Patrick Crayton and Terrance Couch from their practice group.

## Kenseth wins Aaron's 312

HAMPTON, Ga. — Nextel Cup regular Matt Kenseth held off Kyle Busch in a two-lap sprint to the finish, winning the Busch race at Atlanta Motor Speedway over the weekend.

Kenseth had quite a day. After his Busch victory, he went back on the track and won the final International Race of Champions event, clinching the IROC series championship.

Kenseth was leading the Aaron's 312 when a crash in turn two took out Reed Sorenson and Clint Bowyer with less than three laps to go.

The race was red-flagged while the wreckage was cleared. On the restart, Kenseth's Ford got a good jump and was able to hold off Busch's Chevrolet on the 1.54-mile trioval.

## Ghostzapper is Frankel's first winner in Breeders' Cup Classic

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — Trainer Bobby Frankel finally broke through in the Breeders' Cup Classic with Ghostzapper blazing to victory in America's richest race Saturday at Lone Star Park.

Frankel, who had just two wins with 62-year-old Ghostzapper before the \$4 million Classic, saddled the beaten favorite the past three years — Medaglia d'Oro in 2002-03 and Aptitude in 2001.

Years of frustration for Frankel ended with Ghostzapper's record run. Ridden by Javier Castellano, the 4-year-old colt sprung from the gate and was in control all the way around the track, winning by three lengths over Roses in 1 1/4 miles.

Winning time was 1:59.02, bettering the Classic mark of 1:59.16 set by Skip Away in 1997 at Hollywood Park.

The great mare Azeri finished a non-threatening fifth in a 13-horse field considered the deepest in the 21-year history of the Breeders' Cup. Defending champion Pleasantly Perfect was third, Belmont Stakes winner Dan Patch was fourth, and Funny Day, last year's Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, was 10th.

## Sports briefs

### Dana College quarterback attempts 101 passes in game

HASTINGS, Neb. — Dana College's Tom Lensch set an all-division college record by attempting 101 passes in a 60-35 loss to Hastings College on Saturday. Lensch completed 56 passes for a school-record 507 yards. He threw for three touchdowns and was intercepted three times.

Lensch broke the NAIA record of 92 attempts by Paul Gray of Hanover, Ind., against Georgetown, Ky., in 1991.

The NCAA record is 82 attempts by Purdue's Drew Brees against Wisconsin in 1998. Dana, a school of 500 students in Blair, Neb., plays a spread offense that features as many as five wideouts.

Lensch had 110 offensive plays and finished with a school-record 563 yards.

### Wizards advance to MLS Western Conference final

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jack Jewsbury's goal in injury time gave Kansas City a 3-0 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes on Saturday night, sending the Wizards to the Western Conference final with a 3-2 victory in the home-and-home, total-goals series.

D.C. United and Los Angeles also advanced on Saturday.

Jaime Moreno and Bryan Namoff scored late in the second half to help D.C. United beat the MetroStars and advance to the Eastern Conference final.

Carlos Martinez scored in the first half to help Los Angeles beat Colorado and advance to the Western Conference final.

### Singh moves into lead in Chrysler Championship

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Vijay Singh made a 36-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole Saturday to take the third-round lead in the Chrysler Championship, the PGA Tour's final full-field tournament of the year.

Singh recovered from two early bogeys for a 4-under 67 and led at 12-under 201, one shot better than runner-up Tiger Woods.

Jeff Sluman and Jonathan Byrd, the co-leaders through 36 holes, both crumbled on the back nine. Sluman shot a 74 and is five shots back, while Byrd had a 75.

### Golden, Park tied in LPGA event

JEJU, South Korea — Kate Sweeney and Sergio Garcia tied at 64 and moved into a tie for the lead with South Korean star Grace Park after two rounds of the CJ Nine Bridges Classic.

### Poulter defeats Garcia on first playoff hole in Volvo Masters

SOTOGRADE, Spain — Ian Poulter beat Sergio Garcia on a par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to win the Volvo Masters at Valderrama on Sunday.

The two tied after 72 holes with 7-under-par totals of 277. Both shot final rounds of 1-under 70.

# Peterson carries Sooners to victory over Cowboys

## Freshman running back rushes for 249 yards as Oklahoma holds on against Oklahoma St.

BY CLAYTON BELLAMY  
The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma survived another dicey trip to Oklahoma State, and the difference this time was Adrian Peterson.

The star freshman rushed for 249 yards and Cowboys kicker Jason Ricks missed a 49-yard field goal with 11 seconds left, giving the second-ranked Sooners a 38-35 victory over their pesky rivals on Saturday.

Mark Bradley caught a career-high three TD passes for Oklahoma (8-0, 5-0, Big 12), which has won two straight over the Cowboys since losing Bedlam series games in 2001 and 2002 that knocked the Sooners out of the national title hunt.

"I reminded the guys that our 2000 national championship run team won 12-7 here and went on to claim it out," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "A lot of it sets up similarly here."

Peterson had an 80-yard touchdown run in the third quarter that put Oklahoma up 38-21 and a 56-yarder on his next carry that broke the school freshman rushing record of 1,184 yards set by De'Mond Parker in 1996.

Peterson now has eight consecutive 100-yard games and 1,272 yards this year.

He won the running back battle over the Cowboys' Vernand Morency, who had just 93 yards on 17 carries, breaking his streak of nine straight regular season games with at least 100 yards.

Peterson said he wasn't motivated to outdo Morency, the nation's third-leading rusher coming into the game.

"I was focused on going out there and getting the win, and helping my team running the ball," Peterson said.

But Morency also had two touchdowns in the second half, including a 4-yard rush on an option that pulled Oklahoma State within 38-35 with 10:34 left.

"I will take my football team and play anyone in this country," Oklahoma State coach Les Miles said. "I like this team. I like the fight in this ball club. I like the resolve."

No. 20 Oklahoma State (6-2, 3-2) took possession at its own 19 with 2:44 remaining. Donovan Woods' 17-yard completion to Morency and the quarterback's two 3-yard rushes put the Cowboys in Ricks' range.

But the freshman, whose

28-yard field goal with 55 seconds left beat Missouri last week, pushed his kick wide left and Oklahoma ran out the clock. Ricks is now 0-for-3 on kicks of more than 40 yards.

"I was not very nervous about the field goal," Sooners linebacker Rufus Alexander said.

"If they make it, we go into overtime and play defense. We just wanted to win so we could get out of here."

Bradley caught TD passes of 72, 23 and 4 yards — all in the first half as Sooners quarterback Jason White used the passing game to burn a defense focused on stopping Peterson.

Peterson got rolling in the second half after Woods' 39-yard TD pass to Prentiss Elliott pulled Oklahoma State to 28-21.

Peterson broke loose from his own 20, spinning through a tackle, bursting through the line and sprinting away from the pack to push the lead back to 14.

"It's tough to believe he's a freshman," Miles said.

The Sooners leaned heavily on Peterson in the second half. White completed only one pass after halftime. Peterson had 196 yards in the second half, and his rushing used time in the fourth



Oklahoma RB Adrian Peterson (28) breaks away for an 80-yard TD run during the third quarter, in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday. Peterson, who has rushed for at least 100 yards in eight straight games, rushed for 249 yards in the Sooners' 38-35 victory over Oklahoma State.

quarter. White, the Heisman Trophy winner, finished 14-for-26 for 221 yards and three touchdowns.

The Sooners took a 21-14 half-time lead on White's 23-yard pass to Bradley, who was wide open in the corner of the end zone.

Bradley's 72-yard catch and run after he tipped the ball to him-

self on a crossing pattern pulled the Sooners even at 14. He also beat Cowboys safety Jon Holland for a 4-yard score in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

"They were dropping off in coverage, leaving the under routes wide open," White said.

"Bradley did a great job after he caught the ball," White said.

# East Carolina ends Army win streak at two games

The Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Bobby Good bounced back from two dropped passes in the first half to finish with a career day.

Good and James Pinkney hooked up on three touchdown passes to help East Carolina beat Army 38-28 Saturday, ending the Black Knights' first winning streak in seven years.

"I took my eyes off the ball," said Good, who set new personal bests with eight catches for 118 yards. "But I definitely was not going to let that affect the rest of my game. So I had to put it behind me and get ready for the second half."

Army (2-5, 2-4 Conference USA) snapped a 19-game losing streak earlier this month with a victory over Cincinnati, then beat South Florida before taking a weekend off. Last year, the Black Knights set an NCAA record for futility by losing all 13 games.

Army couldn't match it this time in a row. The Pirates (2-5, 2-3) piled up 42 yards and forced two clutch turnovers in the second half to bounce back from a 51-10 loss a week to No. 25 Southern Mississippi.

"You have to give credit to East Carolina, they came out and

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played well," Black Knights coach Bobby Ross said. "I was worried about that, to be very honest, because when you look at them on film, you can see they have some talent."

Pinkney finished 26-for-36 for 285 yards and made East Carolina coach John Thompson a winner for only the third time in 19 games.

The Pirates forced three turnovers, including interceptions by Zach Baker and Kyle Chalmers.

"I think we got to their quarterback a little bit," Thompson said. "I think we were 3-0 in turnovers. That's how you win. You win by stopping the run, running the football and winning the turnovers."

Army's Zac Dahman was 17-for-30 for 230 yards, but he was intercepted twice. D.J. Blackledge returned a kickoff 69 yards for a TD for the Black Knights early in the fourth quarter.

"We came out today and just didn't play the way we have to play to win," Ross said.

Carlton Jones had a 4-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to give the Black Knights their



Army RB Seth Gulsby, left, is stopped by East Carolina defenders, clockwise from top left, Dontre Brown, Dashaun Stephens and Michael MacDonagh, on Saturday in Greenville, N.C. East Carolina won 38-28, stopping Army's bid for its third straight victory.

final lead at 14-10, before Chris Johnson capped a 68-yard East Carolina drive by bulging in from the 5 to make it 17-14.

First-round cornerback Donald Whitehead then recovered an Army fumble near the end of the third quarter. Pinkney's second

TD to Good, this one a 19-yarder, made it 24-14.

"We were able to run the ball a little bit better today and open up the pass," East Carolina wide receiver Kevin Roush said.

"It just seemed like we were clicking on all cylinders."

Navy 34, Delaware 20: At Annapolis, Md., Aaron Polanco and Kyle Eckel combined to lead the Midshipmen (7-1) to a season-high 346 yards rushing in a victory over the Blue Hens.

Navy remained undefeated at home this season; their last home defeat came Nov. 1 to the Blue Hens. Navy hasn't been 7-1 since 1978.

Delaware (6-2) came into the game ranked No. 3 in Division I-AA and had a six-game winning streak snapped.

Polanco, the nation's top rushing quarterback, scored on runs of 22, 1 and 7 yards for the third three-touchdown game of his career.

He gained 64 yards on 15 carries and also threw a 6-yard scoring pass to Eric Roberts.

Eckel gained a season-high 143 yards on 23 carries, rushing for 100 yards for the 11th time in his career and third this season.

Wyoming 43, Air Force 26: At Laramie, Wyo., junior quarterback Corey Bramlett passed for two touchdowns and ran for 67 yards as the Cowboys (5-3) defeated the Falcons (3-5).

Wyoming ended a two-game losing streak and kept its chances for a bowl bid alive, while Air Force lost for the fourth time in five games.

# Romp pads USC win streak to 17

## Utes continue bid for BCS berth; Upsets claim Purdue, Minnesota

The Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Reggie Bush and LenDale White each scored two touchdowns and Dwayne Jarrett caught two TD passes from Matt Leinart as No. 1 Southern California routed Washington State 42-12 on Saturday for its 17th straight victory.

In rolling up 426 yards, USC (8-0, 5-0 Pac-10) extended its conference win streak to 12 games.

The Trojans held the Cougars (3-5, 1-4) to 156 yards, sacking quarterback Alex Brink five times, forcing seven fumbles and limiting the Cougars to minus-9 yards rushing.

**No. 7 California 27, No. 20 Arizona State 0:** At Berkeley, Calif., J.J. Arrington ran for 188 yards and a score and California forced five turnovers in its second straight shutout. Tim Mixon returned an interception 58 yards for a TD for the Golden Bears (6-1, 4-1 Pac-10), whose increasingly dominant defense held Sun Devils quarterback Andrew Walter without a TD pass while posting consecutive shutouts for the first time since 1968.

Cal freshman Robert Jordan caught seven passes for 116 yards and a touchdown in his second collegiate game, but Aaron Rodgers struggled to connect with his inju-

ry-plagued receiving corps.

Rodgers threw a touchdown pass on the Bears' first play, but was held to 165 yards passing. Walter passed for 238 yards for the Sun Devils (6-2, 3-2).

**No. 8 Texas 31, Colorado 7:** At Boulder, Colo., Vince Young got a couple of bad throws out of his system early and Texas rolled from there, getting 141 yards rushing from Cedric Benson.

Benson and Young ran for two TDs apiece, linebacker Aaron Harris and safety Michael Griffin combined to force two turnovers and the Longhorns (7-1, 4-1 Big 12) stayed in the running for a BCS bowl by winning their third straight since losing to Oklahoma.

Colorado (4-4, 1-4) struggled on offense. The Buffaloes managed only one first down in the first half and didn't make it past the 50 until the fourth quarter.

**No. 9 Utah 51, San Diego State 28:** At San Diego, Alex Smith threw a career-high five touchdown passes for undefeated Utah (8-0, 4-0 Mountain West), which is attempting to become the first team from a non-BCS conference to participate in the Bowl Championship Series.

Utah moved up to No. 6 in the BCS standings last week, putting it in position for an automatic bid to one of the four marquee post-season games.

Smith was 22-for-33 for 298 yards, with no interceptions, and



USC linebacker Lofa Tatupu tackles Washington State quarterback Alex Brink during the first quarter of the No. 1 Trojans' 42-12 win Saturday.

gained 45 yards on 15 rushes. Paris Warren had 10 catches for 113 yards and two TDs.

San Diego State (2-6, 0-4) lost its fifth straight game. The Aztecs remained winless in 14 games against top 10 opponents, and have lost 17 straight overall against ranked teams.

**No. 11 Tennessee 43, South Carolina 29:** At Columbia, S.C., Erik Ainge threw three touchdown passes as Tennessee (7-1, 5-1 SEC) overcame early offensive problems to win its 12th straight over South Carolina (5-3, 3-3).

The Vols have beaten Georgia and only must get past league doormats Kentucky and Vanderbilt next month to earn the SEC East berth in the league title game against Auburn on Dec. 4.

The Gamecocks continued one of the ugliest streaks in coach Lou Holtz's tenure: they are 0-10 the past three seasons when needing a victory to qualify for the postseason.

**No. 15 West Virginia 35, Rutgers 30:** At Piscataway, N.J., Rasheed Marshall threw for two touchdowns and ran for one as the Mountaineers (7-1, 3-0 Big East) beat Rutgers (4-4, 1-3) for the 10th straight time. Ryan Hart threw three touchdown passes for Rutgers, which made the game interesting by scoring twice late.

**Northwestern 13, No. 17 Purdue 10:** At Evanston, Ill., Noah Herron ran 3 yards for a touchdown with 38 seconds left to lift

Northwestern (4-4, 3-2 Big Ten) to its second victory over a top 25 team this year.

Purdue (5-3, 2-3) lost its third straight as quarterback Kyle Orton sat on the bench with a hip injury.

It was the third straight loss for Purdue, which started the season 5-0.

On Oct. 2, Herron's 1-yard TD run gave Northwestern a 33-27 overtime victory over then-No. 7 Ohio State.

**No. 19 LSU 24, Vanderbilt 17:** At Baton Rouge, La., Alley Broussard ran for 80 yards and a touchdown, spearheading a strong running attack for LSU (6-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference). The Tigers rushed for 273 yards, with Joseph Addai adding 77 and quarterback Marcus Randall 68. The Tigers also got a 65-yard punt return for a TD by Skyler Green.

Jay Cutler completed 10 of 34 passes for 111 yards for the Commodores (2-7, 1-4).

**No. 23 Iowa 23, Illinois 13:** At Champaign, Ill., Drew Tate threw two 19-yard TD passes to Ed Hinkel and added a 5-yard scoring run as Iowa (6-1, 4-1) handed Illinois (2-7, 0-6) its 14th straight Big Ten loss.

**Indiana 30, No. 24 Minnesota 21:** At Bloomington, Ind., Indiana's Will Lumpkin returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown and Matt LoVecchio threw for two scores as the Hoosiers (3-5, 1-4) scored 23 unanswered points to upset the Gophers (6-3, 3-3).

# It's party time after Tigers win SEC West

By JOEY MCCREARY

The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Jason Campbell and Auburn earned some rest.

After winning nine games in nine grueling weeks, the Tigers have something to celebrate — and some extra time to party.

Campbell rushed for two touchdowns and threw for one and No. 3 Auburn earned a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game with a 35-14 victory over Mississippi on Saturday night.

"We were running on fumes; our players were pretty tired," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "They scraped enough to get us a win."

Especially Campbell. The league's most efficient quarterback was 11-for-22 for 234 yards and had two 1-yard touchdown runs for the Tigers (9-0, 6-0), who scored 28 points after halftime to lock up the SEC West title before their first off week of the season.

The Tigers have won or shared four of the past five division crowns, but are 0-2 in league championship games, since the SEC split into divisions in 1992.

Some Auburn players celebrated their latest achievement by leaping into the orange-clad sea of the crowd at the La Llanterna Leap — and dangled in the end zone as flashbulbs popped in the stands.

"To finish it up in nine games says a lot about this team," said Campbell, a Mississippi native.

Florida beat the Tigers 28-6 in their most recent SEC title game appearance in 2000, when Campbell and some current Auburn seniors were freshmen.

"We would get to the end of the season and have the opportunity to go to Atlanta, and something just wouldn't work out," Campbell said.

This time, Auburn will play either No. 10 Georgia or No. 11 Tennessee in the league title game in Atlanta. More importantly, the Tigers can keep dreaming of a perfect season and national title.

The Tigers are off next week before hosting Georgia and playing at Alabama. The SEC championship game is Dec. 4.

"We won't think about the BCS," Tuberville said. "Georgia and Alabama are enough to think about."

Tuberville hasn't lost in three games as a visitor to Oxford. He coached Ole Miss for four years before retiring to Auburn in 1998.

Ronnie Brown ran for 100 yards and a touchdown as a Cornell Williams had 96 yards rushing and a 29-yard TD run.

Campbell's 1-yard sneak with 26 seconds left in the first half gave Auburn a 7-0 lead. His second short TD run early in the fourth quarter restored the Tigers' 14-point lead.



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# Wolverines rally past Spartans in triple OT

## No. 12 Michigan erases 17-point deficit in 4th, seizes Big Ten lead

BY LARRY LAGE

The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Braylon Edwards experienced a joy millions of NFL dollars couldn't buy.

Edwards caught two touchdown passes to help Michigan erase a 17-point, fourth-quarter deficit in just 5:44, and grabbed a third TD in triple overtime to lift the Wolverines to a 45-37 victory over Michigan State on Saturday.

"This is why I came back," said Edwards, who chose to be a Michigan senior rather than an NFL rookie this year. "To be honest, I've never felt like this after a game."

The Spartans have probably never felt Michigan Stadium — where they haven't won since 1990 — more devastated.

"It was a game I feel we could have won and should have won," Michigan State coach John L. Smith said. "I'm just sick."

With the thrilling comeback, No. 12 Michigan (8-1, 6-0 Big Ten) moved a half-game ahead of idle Wisconsin in the conference and kept its hopes alive for a Bowl Championship Series bid.

"It was one of the greatest games I've ever been in," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "It's unfortunate somebody has to lose."

"We're still in the race. We still have a chance to do something."

The Spartans (4-4, 3-2) had a great chance to pull off an upset, but could not handle a 27-10 deficit.

The Spartans were without their stand-out quarterback, Drew Stanton, after he separated his right shoulder late in the first half.

After accounting for 80 yards rushing and a TD and 95 yards passing, Stanton was relegated to watching the lead he helped build slip away.

"That was real hard," said Stanton, who



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Michigan's Braylon Edwards makes the tying touchdown catch in regulation in front of Michigan State's Jaren Hayes. The Wolverines went on to win 45-37 in three overtimes.

is expected to miss at least a couple of games with a separated shoulder. "I can't even try to explain it."

Smith was asked to explain why he left Jaren Hayes in one-on-one coverage on both of Edwards' TDs in regulation.

"Our kid was there to make a play. He just went up a foot higher," Smith said. "I'm not going to pound on my kid for that. The other guy is just a great athlete."

Edwards caught 11 passes for 189 yards

— breaking Anthony Carter's school record for career yards receiving.

"Braylon Edwards made plays that I don't think anybody else can make," Carr said.

Freshman Chad Henne was 24-for-35 for 273 yards with four TDs.

Michael Hart had 33 carries for 224 yards — his third straight 200-yard game — and a TD, but bumped off the field with a bruised thigh during the first overtime.

Michigan State's DeAndre Cobb scored on a 72-yard run early in the first quarter and again on 64-yard run to put the Spartans ahead 27-10 midway through the fourth quarter. Cobb finished with 205 yards on 22 carries.

Damon Dowdell, who replaced Stanton, was 8-for-13 for 72 yards.

The Spartans had a chance to win the game in regulation — after pass interference was called with no time left — but Dave Rayner's 50-yard kick into a stiff wind was short.

After both teams kicked field goals in the first overtime, Michigan State's Jason Teague scored on a 3-yard run and Michigan answered with a 5-yard pass to a leaping Jason Avant in the back corner of the end zone.

Following Edwards' third TD, the Spartans gained just 2 yards and the game ended with an incomplete pass to the end zone.

Michigan State started strong and had its way against the Wolverines for the most part before collapsing late in regulation.

The Spartans gained 535 yards, including 368 on the ground against the nation's third-ranked rushing defense.

After Cobb's second TD, Michigan stalled at Michigan State's 7 and had to settle for a field goal.

When Michigan's Brian Thompson recovered an onside kick, a comeback seemed possible.

"I don't think there was a bigger play," Carr said.

Two plays later, Henne heaved a pass to the end zone and Edwards snatched it away from Hayes to pull the Wolverines within a TD. On the second play of Michigan's next drive, Henne lobbed a 21-yard pass to the end zone and Edwards out-jumped Hayes for it to tie the game at 27 with 2:59 to go.

When the comeback was complete, Michigan had its 12th straight home win, dating to its loss against Iowa on Oct. 4, 2003.

The game was nothing like the previous six in the rivalry at Michigan Stadium.

Michigan won these matchups by an average of more than three touchdowns, including a 49-3 run two years ago that led to the firing of Spartans coach Bobby Williams and the hiring of Smith.

## Baylor stuns A&M with 2-point conversion

BY JOEL ANDERSON

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Baylor coach Gary McCort gathered his players around him, took a look at his weary bunch and vowed to give them the only decision that made sense to him.

The Bears had to end the game, win or lose, with a 2-point conversion.

"I had a gut feeling that it was right thing to do at that point to drive the nail in the coffin," Morris said. "We wanted to teach our kids how to drop the hammer on someone."

Did they ever.

Shawn Bell found Dominique Zeigler in the end zone for the winning score a play after they connected on a 12-yard touchdown pass, lifting Baylor to a 35-34 overtime victory over No. 16 Texas A&M on Saturday night.

After Texas A&M's Keith Joseph scored on a 16-yard touchdown run on the first possession of overtime, Bell and Zeigler led the Bears (3-5, 1-4 Big 12) to the

stunning finish.

Bell completed a pass for no gain on the Bears' first play. Anthony Krieg rushed for 13 yards on second down and then Bell rolled to his right before finding Zeigler just inside the goal line.

Morris boldly decided to go for the 2-point conversion, hoping to catch the Aggies (6-2, 4-1) by surprise.

The call stunned even Zeigler, who missed the huddle because he was getting treated for leg cramps on the bench.

"I didn't even know we were going for 2," he said. "All of a sudden they said, 'Get in Ziggie. We're going for 2.'"

It worked to perfection.

Baylor ran the same play again, with Bell scrambling to his right looking for anyone in a green jersey. He zipped a pass to Zeigler just in front of A&M defensive back Melvin Bullitt for the score, setting off a wild celebration at a school that's had few things to party about in recent years.

Gold and green-clad students stormed the field, quickly taking

down the goal posts in the south end zone and carrying them up and out of Floyd Casey Stadium. Loud music blared over the stadium speakers — oddly fitting at a Baptist university that didn't allow dances on campus until eight years ago — and a mosh pit formed on the field.

"Beating A&M was very sweet," Baylor linebacker Justin Crooks said. "I can't describe how we feel. We can hardly believe it."

Said Bell: "I've never met anyone who said they beat A&M the last time."

A&M players and fans watched the improbable scene in utter disbelief: The Aggies had won the last 13 games against their over-matched rival, including a 73-10 rout at College Station last year.

"The coach had been telling them all week ... to remember last season," A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal said. "I knew they were going to come out this week and play their best games."

Baylor also ended an 11-game skid in the Big 12 and beat a ranked opponent for the first time

since 1998, a 33-30 victory over 20th-ranked North Carolina State. The Bears are 38-143-5 against Top 25 teams.

This was an especially sweet night for Baylor after allowing a touchdown in the final minutes of a 26-25 loss to Iowa State last week. Not to mention the years of futility against Texas A&M and nearly every other team in the Big 12 since the league formed in 1996.

With the win, Baylor improved to 6-6 in Big 12 play.

Playing in relief of injured starter Dane King, Bell came through with a remarkable performance in his first start since the final two games of last season.

The sophomore completed 32 of 50 passes for 262 yards and four touchdowns, two to Zeigler, who caught 12 passes for 121 yards.

The loss takes much of the steam out of the Aggies' matchup with No. 2 Oklahoma in College Station next Saturday. It would have been a showdown of unbeaten teams in the Big 12 South.

Not anymore. Baylor put an



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Texas A&M defensive back Melvin Bullitt (18) reacts after Baylor defeated No. 16 Texas A&M 35-34 in overtime.

end to all the Aggies' big plans. McNeal committed his first two turnovers of the season in the loss, throwing an interception and losing a fumble. He had been the only starting quarterback in Division I-A without an interception thrown this season.

# Terps haul down Seminoles

No. 5 Florida St. falls to Maryland for first time ever

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Fifth-ranked Florida State was in the process of completing another comeback on the road, and Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen could think of only one course of action.

"I was praying hard," he said. "Our kids would have been a shame to lose this game."

The Terrapins held on, and thousands among the sellout crowd of 52,203 charged onto the field Saturday night immediately after the highly improbable 20-17 upset.

Florida State (6-2, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) came in with a six-game winning streak and a perfect 14-0 record against Maryland (4-4, 2-3), which had scored a total of 17 points in losing three straight conference games.

But the Terrapins got 333 passing yards from mangled quarterback Joel Statham and a perfect performance from the defense in defeating a top 10 team for the first time since 1990.

"Nothing lasts forever. You get 14 wins in a row and it happens when you least expect it," Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden said.

Florida State trailed 20-10 before Bowden summoned former starting quarterback Chris Rix at the start of the fourth quarter.

On his second series, Rix moved FSU to the 35 before a 32-yard field goal try. Xavier Beatty left the crossbar.

On his next drive, Rix threw his first touchdown pass of the season, a 16-yarder to Chauncey Stoveall with 7:43 remaining that made it 20-17.

After a Maryland punt, Rix got the Seminoles in position for another field goal attempt by Beita, who was wide left on a 45-yard field goal try with 4:45 to go — his third miss of the game.



Florida State wide receiver Dominic Robinson, right, makes a catch as Maryland free safety Ray Cusitis defends in the fourth quarter Saturday.

"We missed enough field goals to win it," Bowden said. "They made the big plays and we didn't. That was the difference."

Rix got one final chance two minutes later, but his fourth-down pass from the FSU 27 soared over the head of Lome Sam with 1:38 to go.

At game's end, Terrapins fans rushed the field and embraced the players — but spared the goal posts, which were guarded by police officers.

"To beat the No. 5 team in the nation should be a benchmark for this program," Friedgen said. "I think we can make tremendous strides from this win."

Maryland had never come closer than 14 points against the Seminoles, and it seemed unlikely that the pattern would change during a season in which Statham had struggled enough to put his starting job in jeopardy.

But the sophomore repeatedly

pierced the nation's eighth-ranked defense with slant patterns and screen passes, finding seven different receivers in going 21-40 with one interception. He threw for one score and ran for another in finally solidifying his stature as the starting quarterback.

"It was just a matter of time before I got my stuff down and played smarter than I have been," Statham said.

Florida State starting quarterback Wyatt Sexton went 14-for-30 for 164 yards and two interceptions, and fullback Gene Bookser was limited to 51 yards on 13 carries.

Booker played in place of Leon Washington, who has a separated right shoulder. Washington ranks third in the ACC with 689 yards rushing and leads the Seminoles with six touchdowns.

"If we had Leon," Bowden said, "we'd have played a little bit different."

# Greene, Georgia get long-awaited victory at Florida's Swamp

BY MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — David Greene begged for the football as time expired.

After much pleading with a referee, he got it. And even after hugging teammates and doling out high-fives to his fans, Greene was clutching it as he left Alltel Stadium on Saturday.

He really wanted a souvenir from this one.

Who could blame him? This was his last game against Florida — and his first victory.

Greene threw three touchdown passes, including a big one in the fourth quarter, and No. 10 Georgia snapped a six-game losing streak against the Gators, 31-24.

"We wanted this game so bad," Greene said. "It's my senior year, and I knew this was the last time I was ever going to play a game on this stage."

Greene tied Eric Zeier's school record with 67 touchdown passes and matched Peyton Manning for the most victories (39) by a starting quarterback in NCAA Division I-A.

More importantly, Greene helped Georgia end years of frustration at the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party. Florida had won 13 of the last 14 in the series.

"I'm glad our fans can come back here and not have to listen to Florida's running their mouths around," defensive end David Pollack said.

The Bulldogs (7-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) scored touchdowns on their first three possessions — eliminating whatever emotional edge the Gators may have had from the firing of coach Ron Zook this week.

"It was very unsettling. I didn't know how the team would take it," Zook said. "It was an emotional week. But I am proud of them for hanging in there. We just did too little, too late."

Georgia controlled the first half and led 27-0 early in the third when Florida (4-4, 2-4) seized momentum with two huge plays.

Chris Leak hooked up with Andre Caldwell for a 57-yard score.

Then Catrick Fason ran 38 yards to set up Billy Latso's 3-yard touchdown reception, which cut the lead to 24-21 with about 12 minutes to play.

Greene then ended any chance of Florida finishing the comeback.

He scrambled around on the ensuing play and threw a perfect pass to Reggie Brown for a 51-yard gain. Five plays later, on third-and-9 from the 15, he found Fred Gibson for his record-tying touchdown.

Although Matt Leach kicked a 52-yard field goal to give the Gators another chance, Georgia running backs Danny Ware and Thomas Brown picked up enough yardage after a failed outside kick to seal the victory.

Then the celebration began — starting with Greene pleading for the ball.

Players hugged and danced at midfield, then took the party to the sideline. Greene was one of the last ones to leave, spending extra time frolicking with fans while gripping the game ball.

"I'm hanging onto that ball," he said. "I'll put it in my room somewhere."

Maybe not. Coach Mark Richt said Greene might have to return it because of NCAA rules.

Still, the issue did little to spoil Georgia's mood.

"It's been a long time coming," Richt said. "A lot of people have been through a lot of pain and suffering, and they finally get to enjoy it."

The last time the Bulldogs beat Florida was in 1997 behind seniors Mike Bobo, Robert Edwards and Hines Ward.

Coincidentally, three seniors did much of the damage Saturday.

Greene finished 15-for-23 for 255 yards and no interceptions. Gibson caught five passes for 59 yards and Pollack had two sacks.

# Heels: UNC's Scott wears Miami out

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Berlin was 20-for-35 for 338 yards and two touchdowns, but the Hurricanes had only 77 yards rushing, the first time all season they've failed to reach 100.

"My hat's off to North Carolina," Coker said. "They outplayed us overall and deserved to win the football game. As we win as a team and lose as a team, and that's the case for us tonight."

Coker's team showed signs of faltering in recent weeks, despite winning its first six games for the fourth straight season. In the previous two games, the Hurricanes allowed a total of 947 yards in victories over Louisville and North Carolina State, and the Tar Heels also took advantage.

They took the opening kickoff

and drove 57 yards in only four plays to take a 7-0 lead on Durant's 35-yard scoring toss to Mike Mason. In the first half alone, North Carolina had 351 yards of total offense.

"There's no rhyme or reason," Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle said. "It's just a gut check. They wanted it more than we did. There's nothing really technical to it."

Scott consistently found openings in the defense, and about the only thing that slowed him down was a hip pointer he suffered late in the third quarter. He walked gingerly to the locker room, but jogged back to the sideline about 15 minutes later to a loud cheer from the soldout crowd.

On the first carry of his return, he ran 5 yards on second-and-4,

then capped off that drive by bullying 9 yards into the end zone to make it 28-21 early in the fourth.

"I can't say enough about Chad Scott," North Carolina coach John Bunting said. "And what can you say about the offensive line and what they did?"

Berlin, who had 11 touchdown passes in the past three games, started fast again, going 7-for-9 for 131 yards and two TDs in the first quarter. But the Hurricanes abandoned the passing game and tried to establish the run, a tactic that didn't work. Tyrone Moss led the ground game with 30 yards on eight carries, and leading rusher Frank Gore had only 27.

"It was a very gratifying win and it was nice to see they did not get 100 yards rushing," Bunting said. "When is the last time that happened, 100 years ago or so?"



North Carolina's Chad Scott (6) breaks through Miami's Anthony Redick (26) and Leon Williams, back, for a 9-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Scott had 175 yards rushing and two touchdowns.



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# Miami's Achilles' Heels

## North Carolina stunner cripples 4th-ranked Canes' title hopes

BY KEITH PARSONS  
The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — When it mattered most, when Miami needed one defensive stand to force overtime, the Hurricanes simply couldn't do it.

That fact, perhaps as much as a loss that might have taken them out of the national title race, clearly irked coach Larry Coker.

"It's mind boggling," he said.

Connor Barth booted a 42-yard field goal on the final play of the game, giving North Carolina a shocking 31-28 upset of the fourth-ranked Hurricanes on Saturday night.

Miami was one of seven unbeaten teams at the start of the day.

"We never even talked about a national championship," Coker said. "What we did talk about is beating North Carolina. That didn't happen."

When Miami called a timeout just before the kick, fans began lining the hedges just outside the field for the celebration. The ball flew just inside the left upright, and soon the field was covered with people, celebrating North Carolina's first win over a top five opponent. Both goal posts went down.

"It's the best feeling in the world," Barth said. "I've never made a game-winner like that. That was the first one ever, and what a game to do it in."

Darian Durant led the Tar Heels (4-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) on a 65-yard drive for the winning points, completing all four passes and getting the final 5 yards on a keeper up the middle. He finished 21-for-29 for 266 yards and two touchdowns, and Chad Scott overcame an injured hip to rush for a career-high 175 yards.

"It just goes to show that anybody can be beaten on any given day, especially in this conference," Durant said.

Miami (6-1, 3-1) trailed by seven points with 5:24 left, but Brock Berlin drove his team 89 yards to tie it. Devin Hester went in on a sweep from the 11, setting up the final possession for Durant and North Carolina.

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North Carolina's Scott Brunnett (87) runs past Miami players Greg Threat (5) and Tawares Gooden (52) for a 18-yard touchdown in the second quarter in Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday. The Tar Heels beat Miami 31-28 in the school's first victory over a top-five team. The loss will likely be enough to keep the fourth-ranked Hurricanes from contending for a national title.

### A dark day for the Sunshine State

Saturday marked the first time since Oct. 14, 1978 that all three of Florida's state teams lost on the same day:



**No. 4 Miami:** lost 31-28 to unranked North Carolina.



**No. 5 Florida State:** lost 20-17 to unranked Maryland.



**Florida:** lost 31-24 to No. 10 Georgia.

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